

House approves sweeping bill to expand gay rights

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Democrats in the House approved sweeping anti-discrimination legislation Friday that would extend civil rights protections to LGBT people by prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. The protections would extend to employment, housing, loan applications, education, public accommodations and other areas. Called the Equality Act, the bill is a top priority of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who said it will bring the nation "closer to equal liberty and justice for all." Sexual orientation and gender identity "deserve full civil rights protections - in the workplace and in every place, education, housing, credit, jury service, public accommodations," Pelosi said.



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., leaves the chamber after passing The Equality Act of 2019, sweeping anti-discrimination legislation that would extend civil rights protections to LGBT people by prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, at the Capitol in Washington, Friday, May 17, 2019.

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The vote was 236-173, with every Democrat voting in favor, along with eight Republicans. Cheers and applause broke out on the House floor as the bill crossed the threshold for passage.

The legislation's chief sponsor, Rep. David Cicilline, D-R.I., said it affirms fairness and equality as core American values "and ensures members of the LGBTQ community can live their lives free from the fear of legal discrimination of any kind."

Cicilline, who is gay, called equal treatment under the law a founding principle of the United States, adding "It's absurd that, in 2019, members of the LGBTQ community can be fired from their jobs, denied service in a restaurant or get thrown out of their apartment because of their sexual orientation or gender identity."

Most Republicans oppose the bill and call it another example of government overreach. Several GOP



Congressional Progressive Caucus co-chairs Rep. Mark Pocan, D-Wis., left, and Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., update reporters on progressive priorities just after passage of The Equality Act of 2019, sweeping anti-discrimination legislation that would extend civil rights protections to LGBT people by prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, at the Capitol in Washington, Friday, May 17, 2019.

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lawmakers spoke against

it Friday on the House floor. President Donald Trump is widely expected to veto the legislation if it reaches his desk.

At a news conference Thursday, the Republicans said the bill would jeopardize religious freedom by requiring acceptance of a particular ideology about sexuality and sexual identity.

Rep. Vicky Hartzler, R-Mo., called the legislation "grossly misnamed" and said it is "anything but equalizing." The bill "hijacks" the 1964 Civil Rights Act to create "a brave new world of 'discrimination' based on undefined terms of sexual orientation and gender identity," Hartzler said. The legislation threatens women's sports, shelters and schools, and could silence female athletes, domestic abuse survivors and other women, she said.

A similar bill in the Senate has been co-sponsored by all but one Senate Democrat, but faces long odds in the Republican-controlled

chamber.

A Trump administration official who asked not be identified, because he was not authorized to speak publicly about the president's intentions, said the White House "opposes discrimination of any kind and supports the equal treatment of all. However, this bill in its current form is filled with poison pills that threaten to undermine parental and conscience rights."

Some critics also said the bill could jeopardize Title IX, the law prohibiting sex discrimination in federally funded education programs. Former tennis star Martina Navratilova co-wrote an opinion piece in The Washington Post urging lawmakers not to "make the unnecessary and ironic mistake of sacrificing the enormously valuable social good that is female sports in their effort to secure the rights of transgender women and girls."

Ahead of the vote, Rep. Jody Hice, R-Ga., called the House bill "horrifying"

and said it could cause Catholic schools to lose federal grants for school lunches or require faith-based adoption agencies to place children with same-sex couples.

Neena Chaudhry, a lawyer for the National Women's Law Center, said the bill does not undermine Title IX, because courts have already found that Title IX protects against gender-identity discrimination.

"It is way past time to fully open the doors of opportunity for every American," said Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., one of the Senate bill's lead sponsors. "Let's pass the Equality Act, and let us rejoice in the bells of freedom ringing for every American." The eight House Republicans who voted for the bill Friday were Reps. Susan Brooks of Indiana, Mario Diaz-Balart of Florida, Brian Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania, Will Hurd of Texas, Greg Walden of Oregon and New York lawmakers John Katko, Tom Reed and Elise Stefanik. □

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Federal appeals court rules against Trump on ending DACA

By ALAN SUDERMAN

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A federal appeals court ruled Friday the Trump administration acted in an “arbitrary and capricious” manner when it sought to end an Obama-era program that shields young immigrants from deportation. A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2 to 1 that the Trump administration violated federal law when it tried to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program without adequately explaining why. The ruling overturns a lower court ruling a judge in Maryland made last year, which Trump had previously praised via Twitter. Friday’s ruling will not have any immediate effect as other federal courts have already ordered that DACA be kept in place. The 4th Circuit ruling said the Department of Homeland Security did not “adequately account” for how ending DACA program



In this Sept. 5, 2017, file photo, supporters of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) yell during a protest in San Francisco.

would affect the hundreds of thousands of young people who “structured their lives” around the program. “We recognize the struggle is not over and there are more battles to fight in the Supreme Court on this road

to justice, but our families are emboldened by knowing that they are on the right side of history,” said Gustavo Torres, executive director of Casa de Maryland, the lead plaintiff in the case.

Trump and his Justice Department have argued that the Obama administration acted unlawfully when it implemented DACA. The Justice Department declined to comment. Preserving DACA is a top

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Democratic priority, but discussions between Trump and Democrats on the issue have gone nowhere. Trump’s latest immigration plan, unveiled Thursday, does not address what to do about the hundreds of thousands of young immigrants brought to the U.S. as children. White House press secretary Sarah Sanders told reporters that “every single time that we have put forward or anyone else has put forward any type of immigration plan that has included DACA it’s failed.” DACA’s fate could be decided by the Supreme Court, which is weighing the Trump administration’s appeals of other federal court rulings.

The justices have set no date to take action.

If the high court decides it wants to hear the appeals, arguments would not take place before the fall. That means a decision is not expected until 2020, which could come in the thick of next year’s presidential contest. □

Trump administration rejects subpoena for tax returns

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration on Friday missed another deadline to produce President Donald Trump’s tax returns. A top House Democrat said he expects to take the administration to court as early as next week over the matter.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said in a letter that he will not comply with a subpoena from House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal for six years of Trump’s tax returns because the request “lacks a legitimate legislative purpose.”

Mnuchin’s rejection of the subpoena had been expected. Earlier Friday, Neal had said, “We will likely proceed to court as quickly as next week.”

Asked if he might seek to hold Mnuchin in contempt of Congress for his refusal to supply the tax returns, Neal



Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin testifies about the budget during a Financial Services and General Government subcommittee hearing, Wednesday May 15, 2019, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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said, “I don’t see that right now as an option. I think that the better option for us is to proceed with a court case.”

Democrats are seeking Trump’s tax returns under a 1924 law that directs the IRS to furnish such information when requested to the chairs of Congress’ tax-writing committees.

In a statement Friday after Mnuchin’s decision was announced, Neal said that the law “does not allow for discretion as to whether to comply with a request for tax returns and return information.”

In his statement, Neal said he would consult with committee lawyers “on how best to enforce the sub-

poenas moving forward.” Besides Trump, every president since Richard Nixon has made his tax returns public.

In a tweet on May 10, Trump said that he had won the presidency in 2016

“partially based on no Tax Returns while I am under audit (which I still am), and the voters didn’t care. Now the Radical Left Democrats want to again relitigate the matter. Make it part of the 2020 Election!” □

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Iran tests President Trump's 'America First' pledge

By ZEKE MILLER and STEVE PEOPLES

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump won the White House pledging to wind down the nation's many foreign entanglements and put "America First." But as his administration in recent days has sent mixed signals on the prospects of a military conflict with Iran, Trump's campaign trail promise is being put to the test.

With the 2020 election approaching, the political pitfalls ahead for the first-term Republican president could be serious.

While Trump enjoys overwhelming support from his party, there is little appetite among his loyalists for a new military conflict in the Middle East. Many are willing to give him the benefit of the doubt for now, but a string of recent moves has sparked concerns that the administration was beating the drums toward war. Among the possible precursors to military conflict: new sanctions on Iran's Revolutionary Guards, the deployment of a U.S. aircraft carrier to the region and public warnings of unspecified intelligence that Iran might strike at American interests. Asked this week if the U.S. was going to war with Iran, Trump said simply: "I hope not."

Aware of the potential backlash from within his



President Donald Trump arrives to speak at the National Association of REALTORS Legislative Meetings and Trade Expo, Friday, May 17, 2019, in Washington.

party, the president is trying to play down the possibility of hostilities. He held the door open for negotiations over Iran's nuclear program and malign activities in the region amid reports that he was pushing back against his more hawkish advisers' preference for a military solution.

Prominent Trump supporters offered a pointed warning on Friday about the prospect of a new war, which they view as a direct violation of his "America First" pledge.

"It would be a disaster for him and for the country getting into another military engagement in the Middle

East," said Corey Stewart, who led Trump's 2016 campaign in Virginia. "It does concern me that the president has (national security adviser John) Bolton and a lot of these neocons advising him. That's clearly not what he ran on and what most Americans want."

Foreign policy threatens to be a significant political liability for Trump heading into his 2020 reelection campaign.

Overall, 63 percent of Americans said they disapproved of his job handling foreign policy, according to a January poll conducted by Associated Press-NORC Center for

Public Affairs Research. Like other issues, the partisan divide was overwhelming: 76 percent of Republicans approved, while just 8 percent of Democrats said the same. Yet the Republican Party under Trump's leadership has shifted away from wanting the United States to play an aggressive role in world affairs. Foreign policy hawks in the GOP who have long embraced a muscular foreign policy have been marginalized in recent years, dismissed as "globalists."

By contrast, Democrats are now far more likely than Republicans to say the U.S. should play a more active

role in solving the world's problems. Trump on Friday sought to blame the media for the sense of mounting unease over Iran.

"They put out so many false messages that Iran is totally confused," he told a crowd of real estate agents in Washington, complaining about media coverage of his administration's recent moves. "I don't know, that might be a good thing."

People close to the president acknowledge that an armed conflict in the region is a real possibility.

Liberty University President Jerry Falwell Jr., a Trump confidant, signaled support for a military solution if needed to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon — so long as the United States wouldn't take the lead role in a prospective war.

"Whatever needs to be done to keep Iran from becoming a nuclear power needs to happen," Falwell said in an interview. "I'm not saying the United States needs to do it. Somebody is going to need to do it."

He added: "The way that it balances out, it might be Saudi Arabia and Israel that go to war with Iran."

J.D. Gordon, director of national security for Trump's first campaign, described Iran as "a delicate balance" for the president, who is surrounded by advisers who "generally agree with his worldview." □

Government audit: Carson's \$40K office purchases broke law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson violated the law when his department spent more than \$40,000 to purchase a dining set and a dishwasher for his office's executive dining room, government auditors concluded.

In a report released Thursday, the Government Accountability Office said HUD failed to notify Congress before exceeding a \$5,000 limit set by Congress to furnish or make improvements to the office of a presidential appointee. The dining set cost more



In this Oct. 26, 2018, file photo, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson speaks to the audience before President Donald Trump speaks at the 2018 Young Black Leadership Summit in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

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than \$31,000 and the dishwasher cost nearly \$9,000. Carson told lawmakers last year that he was unaware of the purchase and canceled it as soon as he learned about it in news reports. He also told a House Appropriations subcommittee that he left furniture purchasing decisions to his wife. But emails released by watchdog group American Oversight suggested that Carson and his wife, Candy Carson, both played a role in choosing the furniture.

The GAO said HUD did not break the law when it paid more than \$4,000 for

new blinds for Carson's office suite. Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island, the top Democrat on the Senate appropriations subcommittee that oversees HUD, said that while the amount of money may be small, it's a "willful disregard for the appropriate use" of taxpayer dollars. "There needs to be more accountability at HUD and stronger oversight of the Trump Administration or else this pattern of unlawful behavior will continue, and I worry it won't just be a small amount of money the next time," Reed said in a statement. □



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Gov. DeSantis: 'Dumping' migrants in Florida is unacceptable

By **BRENDAN FARRINGTON**
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) —

Florida's governor plans to fight any federal plans to fly hundreds of immigrants weekly from the Mexican border to South Florida, saying Friday he'll take his case to President Donald Trump.

Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis made his remarks a day after being caught off guard when Broward and Palm Beach county officials said they had been notified by U.S. Border Patrol that about 1,000 migrants per month would be sent to the two counties starting in about two weeks.

Federal officials said Friday there are no immediate plans to fly migrants to Florida.

In San Diego, interim Border Patrol sector chief Douglas Harrison said Friday that the agency was flying migrants to his location, but was still considering whether to add flights to the Detroit, Buffalo and Miami sectors. The agency's Miami sector includes all of South Florida. Harrison said the agency was exploring issues including the availability of airports and the capacity of charitable groups to provide migrants with temporary assistance.

The federal government has run out of space to process the thousands of migrants who have been arriving at the Texas border, forcing them to fly migrants to Border Patrol facilities in other locations for processing. Once processed, they are released and given a court date in a city where

they plan to reside, often with family members. That could be anywhere

"I think it will tax our resources, the schools, the health care, law enforcement,

ing promises to increase hurricane aid and federal money for Everglades res-

thorities to come into a jail or a courthouse," he said.

"We've been very cooperative." If migrants arrive by flights to Broward and Palm Beach, some may ultimately intend to go to cities outside of South Florida or even out of state. In any case, South Florida authorities said they were bracing for a potential influx.

Tim Gamwell is the assistant executive director of the Guatemalan-Maya Center, an organization that serves nearly 1,000 migrants from over 20 countries a month. He said it is important that Palm Beach County authorities and institutions play an active role in aiding any migrants who end up there.

"If this burden is not shared, if it's placed on small non-profits and neighborhoods, there is no way that families are going to receive the services that they need without widespread community support," Gamwell said. Gamwell said his organization already acts as a community service hub for migrants in the county. It hosts food bank events, legal screening clinics and provides free and low-cost early childhood education programs for families, he said. □



In this May 9, 2019 file photo, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, second from right, speaks during a bill signing ceremony at the William J. Kirelew Junior Academy, in Miami Gardens, Fla.

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in the U.S., and many of them would in any case be heading to Latino communities in Florida.

DeSantis told reporters in Sarasota after a bill signing ceremony that he was unaware of any moves to start flights to Florida until county officials reported that to the media Thursday. He said such flights would amount to "dumping" migrants on Florida.

state agencies," DeSantis said. "It's gonna ultimately be something I'm going to have to talk to the president about."

Trump and DeSantis have a close relationship. Trump's endorsement propelled DeSantis from underdog status to ultimate winner in last year's governor's race, and DeSantis has met with him several times in the White House, secur-

tation. DeSantis noted that he recently signed a bill banning sanctuary cities and appeared upset immigrants might be flown to Florida after the pledge to help federal immigration authorities.

"We're going to work with them to help them remove criminal aliens. We're not going to be like some of these other states that are not allowing federal au-

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Missouri's GOP-led Legislature passes 8-week abortion ban

By **SUMMER BALLENTINE**

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)

— Missouri's Republican-led House on Friday passed sweeping legislation designed to survive court challenges, which would ban abortions at eight weeks of pregnancy.

If enacted, the ban would be among the most restrictive in the U.S. It includes exceptions for medical emergencies, but not for pregnancies caused by rape or incest. Doctors would face five to 15 years in prison for violating the eight-week cutoff. Women who receive abortions wouldn't be prosecuted.

Republican Gov. Mike Parson pledged to sign the bill, but it's unclear when he'll take action. When pressed on the lack of exceptions for rape or incest, he told reporters that "all life has value."

"I'm going to stand up for the people that don't have a voice," Parson said. "Everybody should have a right to life."

The Missouri legislation comes after Alabama's governor signed a bill Wednesday making performing an abortion a felony in nearly all cases.

Supporters say the Alabama bill is meant to conflict with the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationally in hopes of sparking a court case that might prompt the current panel of more conservative justices to revisit abortion rights.

Missouri Republicans are taking a different approach.

GOP Rep. Nick Schroer said his legislation is "made to withstand judicial challenges and not cause them."

He cited extensive "legislative findings" included in the bill about fetal development that are aimed at backing up the state's interest in limiting abortion if the measure is challenged, as well as new judges appointed to the 8th U.S. Cir-

cuit Court of Appeals by President Donald Trump.

If courts don't allow Missouri's proposed eight-

week ban to take effect, the bill includes a ladder of less-restrictive time limits that would prohibit abortions at 14, 18 or 20 weeks or pregnancy.



Abortion-rights activists react after lawmakers approved a sweeping piece of anti-abortion legislation, a bill that would ban most abortions in the state of Missouri, Friday, May 17, 2019 in Jefferson, Mo.

"While others are zeroing in on ways to overturn Roe v. Wade and navigate the courts as quickly as possible, that is not our goal," Schroer said. "However, if and when that fight comes we will be fully ready. This legislation has one goal, and that goal is to save lives."

Kentucky, Mississippi, Ohio and Georgia also have approved bans on abortion once fetal cardiac activity can be detected, which can occur in about the sixth week of pregnancy. Some of those laws already have been challenged in court, and similar restrictions in North Dakota and Iowa previously were struck down by judges.

Democratic Sen. Jill Schupp said she believes the eight-week ban goes against Roe v. Wade, under which justices noted

"I do believe that there are probably some provisions that will pass court challenges," Schupp said. "So what we end up doing here today and through this legislative session is undermining a woman's right to choose."

Missouri's bill also includes an outright ban on abortions except in cases of medical emergencies. But unlike Alabama's, it would kick in only if Roe v. Wade is overturned.

Clinicians reacted with disgust to the passage of the bill.

"Ob-gyns and other women's health care providers should not be threatened with criminal penalties for delivering evidence based, necessary health care," the Missouri Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists said in an emailed statement.

The bill "would force clinicians to decide between their patient's needs and facing criminal proceedings. All clinicians must be

able to practice medicine that is informed by their years of medical education, training, experience,

and the available evidence, freely and without threat of criminal punishment," the group said.

The Hope Clinic for Women, which performs abortions in Granite City, Illinois, just across the river from St. Louis, noted it already sees Missouri patients on a daily basis. "Our doors remain open for any patient who needs abortion care," Executive Director Dr. Erin King said in a statement.

Abortion-rights supporters in the House chanted, "when you lie, people die" and "women's rights are human rights" during debate on the measure before being escorted from the chamber. Outside, they shouted "shame, shame, shame" after lawmakers voted 110-44 to pass it.

Several women dressed as characters from the "The Handmaid's Tale" watched silently. The Margaret Atwood book and subsequent Hulu TV series depicts a dystopian future where fertile women are forced to breed.

"To the women of this state and the women up here, I'm sorry," Democratic Minority Leader Crystal Quade said on the House

floor to protesters. "I'm sorry there aren't enough of us in this chamber to stop this." A handful of abortion opponents protested outside the Planned Parenthood clinic in St. Louis on Friday. Among them was 21-year-old Teresa Pettis, a Catholic who is five months' pregnant with her first child.

She said she supports the bill even though it outlaws abortions for women who have been raped.

"Honestly, I don't think it's right to punish the child for something the child can't control," Pettis said. "The baby might be born in unfortunate circumstances, but it's still a human life."

Rep. Shamed Dogan was the only Republican to vote against the bill. He cited the lack of exceptions for pregnancies borne of rape and incest, and said most residents of his suburban St. Louis district "think that's going too far."

One Democrat voted in favor.

A total of 3,903 abortions occurred in Missouri in 2017, the last full year for which the state Department of Health and Senior Services has statistics online. Of those, 1,673 occurred at under nine weeks and 119 occurred at 20 weeks or later in a pregnancy.

About 2,900 abortions occurred in 2018, according to the agency.

The bill also bans abortions based solely on race, sex or a diagnosis indicating the potential for Down Syndrome.

It also requires a parent or guardian giving written consent for a minor to get an abortion to first notify the other parent, except if the other parent has been convicted of a violent or sexual crime, is subject to a protection order or is "habitually in an intoxicated or drugged condition." A change was made after hours of late-night negotiations in the state Senate to also remove the requirement when the other parent lacks legal or physical custody.

If Parson signs, most provisions of the bill would take effect Aug. 28. □

F-16 fighter crashes into California warehouse, pilot ejects

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — An F-16 fighter jet crashed Thursday into a warehouse just outside March Air Reserve Base in California, sending a dozen people to hospitals for evaluation after they were exposed to debris, authorities said. The pilot ejected and parachuted to safety, said Maj. Perry Covington, the base's director of public affairs. The cause of the crash was under investigation. Interstate 215, which runs between the base and the warehouse, was closed in both directions, backing up rush-hour traffic for miles. Television news showed a large hole in the roof and sprinklers on inside the building about 65 miles (105 kilometers) east of Los Angeles. Cellphone photos and

video from inside showed what appeared to be the tail of the plane buried in twisted metal and piles of cardboard boxes. Daniel Gallegos, a warehouse worker, said he's used to hearing the sound of planes coming and going, but the noise just before the crash was deafening. "Next thing I know I just hear this explosion and turn around to the back of the building, and I just seen a burst of flames and just the ceiling started falling through every part of the building," he told KABC-TV. "I turned around, and my co-worker just told me to get out, so I just made a run for it." Gallegos said he believed one of his co-workers was struck by something — pos-

sibly a falling fire sprinkler — and wasn't seriously hurt. A dozen people were hosed down and taken to hospitals, and there were no major injuries, state fire Capt. Fernando Herrera said. The crash also caused a small fire doused by the warehouse sprinkler system, Herrera said. The crash happened as the pilot was landing following a routine training mission, March Air Reserve Base Deputy Fire Chief Timothy Holliday said. "The pilot was having hydraulic problems," Holliday said. "He started losing control of the aircraft." The jet's cockpit canopy was on a runway, and a parachute had settled in a nearby field.

Damage to the warehouse was relatively minor, and there was no major fire, which Holliday called "a miracle." The pilot, the only person on board, was taken to a hospital for examination, officials said. The F-16, assigned to the Air National Guard, was carrying standard armaments, Holliday said. It will be recovered once authorities make sure the weapons don't pose a risk, he said. The base is home to the Air Force Reserve Command's Fourth Air Force Headquarters and various units of the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, California Air National Guard and California Army National Guard. The pilot is from the 144th Fighter Wing, an Air Nation-



This photo taken from video provided by KABC-TV shows where an F-16 fighter jet crashed into a warehouse just outside March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, Calif., Thursday afternoon, May 16, 2019.

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al Guard unit based in Fresno, and the F-16 belongs to the South Dakota Air National Guard in Sioux Falls. □

Man exonerated after 45 years will get \$1.5M from Michigan

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — A Michigan man who spent 45 years in prison before he was exonerated of murder will receive \$1.5 million from the state, the attorney general's office said Friday. Richard Phillips, 73, was exonerated in 2018, becoming the longest-serving U.S. inmate to be cleared. He's been selling his prison paintings to raise money while waiting to learn whether he would be compensated under a Michigan law that pays the wrongly convicted. "We have an obligation to provide compassionate compensation to these men for the harm they suffered," Attorney General Dana Nessel said in a statement. Her office agreed to pay \$780,000 to Neal Redick, who served nearly 16 years in prison for criminal sexual conduct in Genesee County. The complainant recanted, and the conviction was thrown out in 2007. Ray McCann will receive \$40,000. He served 20 months in jail and prison after feeling pressured to



In this Jan. 17, 2019 file photo, Richard Phillips stands next to some of his artwork during an interview at the Community Art Gallery in Ferndale, Mich.

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plead no contest to perjury in a homicide investigation in St. Joseph County. The conviction was thrown out in 2017, two years after another man confessed to the killing. Michigan lawmakers still need to put more money into the fund. Phillips had long declared his innocence in a fatal shooting in the Detroit area in 1971. The Innocence Clinic at University of Michigan law school learned that a

co-defendant in 2010 told the parole board that Phillips had absolutely no role. Someone who is exonerated based on new evidence can qualify for \$50,000 for every year spent in prison. Phillips would appear to qualify for more than \$2 million, based on 45 years behind bars. But he's being paid only for 30 years because he was serving a separate armed robbery conviction at the same time. □



This file photo provided by Alexandria Sheriff's Office shows Kevin Mallory. Mallory, a former CIA officer was sentenced Friday, May 17, 2019 to 20 years in prison on charges that he spied for China and allegations he sought to expose human assets who were once his responsibility.

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Ex-CIA officer gets 20 years for spying for China

By MATTHEW BARAKAT
Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A former CIA officer was sentenced Friday to 20 years in prison on charges that he spied for China and allegations he sought to expose human assets who were once his responsibility. The sentence issued by U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III in federal court in Alexandria for Kevin Mallory, 62, of Leesburg, Virginia, is less than the life sentence sought by prosecutors but more than the 10-year term requested by the defense. A jury convicted Mallory last year under the Espionage Act for providing classified information to Chinese

handlers in exchange for \$25,000. Mallory's scheme began to unravel when he was selected for secondary screening at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport in April 2017 on a flight back from Shanghai with his son and customs agents found \$16,500 in unreported cash. "At its heart, this was a very basic crime," prosecutor John Gibbs said during Friday's hearing. "He was desperate for money, and the most valuable thing he had was our nation's secrets." Gibbs said the \$25,000 Mallory received was just the beginning of what would have occurred if he hadn't been caught. □

EU citizens in UK to use EU vote to have a say on Brexit

By JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Hedwig Hegtermans has lived in Britain for two decades, but she didn't have a vote when the country decided in 2016 to leave the European Union. She's determined to have her say on Brexit now.

An election for the European Parliament being held this month in all 28 EU member states — including the not-yet-departed U.K. — is giving Hegtermans and other Europeans in Britain the chance to pass judgment on the Brexit decision that left their lives in limbo.

"It is a way for people to voice their frustration," said Hegtermans, a Dutch citizen and member of the 3 Million, a lobby group for EU citizens in Britain.

Like other non-U.K. EU nationals, she was not eligible to vote in Britain's EU membership referendum three years ago — and like them she saw her automatic right to live and work in Britain whipped away by the Brexit decision. (The British government says all 3 million EU citizens in Britain can stay, but they have to apply for "settled status" through a somewhat glitch-prone new registration process).

"We did not have a vote in the referendum, we could not voice anything while



In this Tuesday, May 14, 2019, photo, a supporter of Change UK party holds a poster advertising for voting in the European election in London.

we were the people who will be affected the most," Hegtermans said.

She said the May 23 election to fill the U.K.'s 73 seats in the 751-seat EU legislature "is one way for us to let our voices (be) heard." The result of next week's election won't directly affect Brexit. But it will be interpreted as a test of public sentiment — almost a mini-referendum — and could sway politicians to take a harder or softer course as Britain heads for the exit door.

That makes this the most high-profile European elec-

tion in Britain in years — but it shouldn't be happening. The U.K. was due to have left the EU by now.

Instead, British politicians are deadlocked over departure terms and Brexit has been postponed from March 29 until Oct. 31 while they try to sort out the mess. So Britain is taking part, and the contest here is dominated by candidates promising either to speed up Brexit or throw it into reverse gear.

Pro-European parties are eager to attract votes from EU citizens, who can vote in European polls though not

in U.K. national elections.

That's why a former finance minister of Poland could be found recently standing outside a suburban London subway station, thrusting anti-Brexit leaflets at tired commuters. Jan Vincent-Rostowski, a London-born economist who served in a center-right Polish government between 2007 and 2013, is a candidate for the newly formed pro-EU party Change UK.

"I thought that was something I could bring to the campaign, being both a British citizen — a Londoner born and bred — but also a

Polish citizen who has done his bit in politics elsewhere," Vincent-Rostowski said.

"Brexit is collapsing under the weight of its own internal contradictions. And if something bad is collapsing I think it's a good idea to give it a push. That's what I'm trying to do."

Chipper and polite — "Can I give you a leaflet madam?" — he got a reasonably warm reception in suburban Ealing, a diverse London district that voted 60% for remaining in the European Union. Several Poles recognized him, stopping to chat or film him on their phones.

But this is a heated and bad-tempered election. Both of Britain's main parties — the governing Conservative and opposition Labour — are bracing for a hammering as voters frustrated by the Brexit impasse turn to parties promising either a definitive break with the EU or a chance to remain in the bloc.

Thousands of Brexiteers across the country are flocking to rallies for the new Brexit Party led by former U.K. Independence Party leader Nigel Farage, who accuses the government of betraying Brexit and wants Britain to walk away from the bloc even if there is no divorce deal to smooth the way. □

Greek far-left killer in intensive care after hunger strike

By NICHOLAS PAPHITIS

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's top prosecutor late Friday ordered a review of a decision to deny temporary leave from prison to a hunger-striking extremist who is serving multiple life terms for 11 murders by the country's deadliest far-left group.

The move by supreme court prosecutor Xenia Dimitriou came hours after Dimitris Koufodinas, the main hit man of the now-defunct November 17 group, was placed in intensive care due to the effects of his 15-day hunger strike. Koufodinas' campaign to be



In this Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017 file photo, Dimitris Koufodinas smiles as he leaves Korydallos prison in western Athens.

Associated Press

granted a new furlough has triggered violent protests by left-wing sympathizers. Greece's health ministry said Koufodinas' condition

is not life-threatening, although his lawyer warned that his health is deteriorating fast. Koufodinas was moved to intensive care for

monitoring Friday in a hospital in the central town of Volos. Following prosecutor Dimitriou's order, supreme court judges will meet in coming days to decide whether Koufodinas' bid for a furlough should be re-examined.

Koufodinas, 61, has vowed to continue his hunger strike "to the end" unless authorities allow him a new temporary prison leave. He had been granted six furloughs since late 2017, but last week judges ruled that he still poses a threat to society and should not be let out temporarily. These brief leaves from prison, combined with Koufodinas'

transfers from a maximum-security Athens jail to a laxer unit near Volos, have been criticized as unduly lenient by relatives of November 17's victims and U.S. authorities.

Professing a mixture of Marxism and nationalism, November 17 killed 23 people from 1975-2000, including Americans and other foreign diplomats.

Koufodinas has claimed "political responsibility" for the group's acts. He was convicted in 2003 and is serving 11 life terms.

Koufodinas' lawyer, Ioanna Kourtovik, said he could suffer kidney failure "at any moment." □



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Poland leader slams church pathology, backs sex abuse probe

By MONIKA SCISLOWSKA
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland's ruling conservative party leader said Friday it does not tolerate "pathology" in the Catholic church and will back a commission to investigate sex abuse of minors in church but also in other circles.

It was the first reaction by Jaroslaw Kaczynski, a practicing Catholic, to a documentary film, "Tell No One," that contains testimony by men and women that they were molested or raped by priests when they were children. Aired Saturday, it has provoked a heated public debate and soul-searching in the church, which traditionally enjoys respect in predominantly Catholic Poland.

Also, the pro-church ruling Law and Justice party has rushed through parliament a law toughening punishment for pedophilia.

At an election campaign rally Kaczynski said the party backs the church,



In this Thursday, March 14, 2019 photo the head of Poland's Catholic Church Archbishop Wojciech Polak, right, addresses the media during a news conference in Warsaw, Poland, in which the church revealed it has recorded cases of 382 priests abusing minors since 1990. At left is Archbishop Henryk Gadecki, the head of Poland's Episcopate.

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"which does not mean that we support or tolerate pathology in the church."

Previously, Kaczynski was saying that the church has been under attack lately from western values and argued that "anyone who raises his hand against the church, wants to destroy it,

raises his hand against Poland."

Contradicting those claims, the head of Poland's Catholic church, Archbishop Wojciech Polak, said that the recent revelations about priests abusing minors are not attacks on the church but will help its

cleansing. Speaking on private TVN24 late Thursday, Polak said he did not see any "hand raised against the church."

"If the church is currently going through difficulties, serious challenges, even a crisis, they all serve the church's cleansing," Polak said.

He said the church will establish a fund to support the victims.

Reacting to the film, Poland's government and parliament have toughened the punishment for pedophilia, raising prison terms to 30 years from the current 12 years. The new law is expected to win approval from the Senate and President Andrzej Duda.

Opposition lawmakers are demanding that an independent commission investigate abuse of minors by priests. Kaczynski backed the idea, but said the commission should not only focus on the church but also investigate other areas of work with minors. His words

were seen as an attempt to lessen the censorious focus on the church.

"Neither purple (bishops') robes, nor a Nobel prize or an Oscar, neither worldwide nor European fame can protect from responsibility for the crime of pedophilia," Kaczynski said at a rally ahead of May 26 elections to the European Parliament.

The new law against pedophilia, enacted in a matter of days, is seen as an attempt by the Law and Justice to gain support ahead of the upcoming European vote and Poland's own parliamentary election in the fall.

But an EU Parliament lawmaker for the ruling party, Ryszard Legutko, drew strong criticism on social media for showing no compassion for victims and arguing that most abuse cases were on boys aged between 12 and 17, in which case they were pederasty, not pedophilia. He has refused to apologize. □

Basque separatist chief jailed in France, day after capture

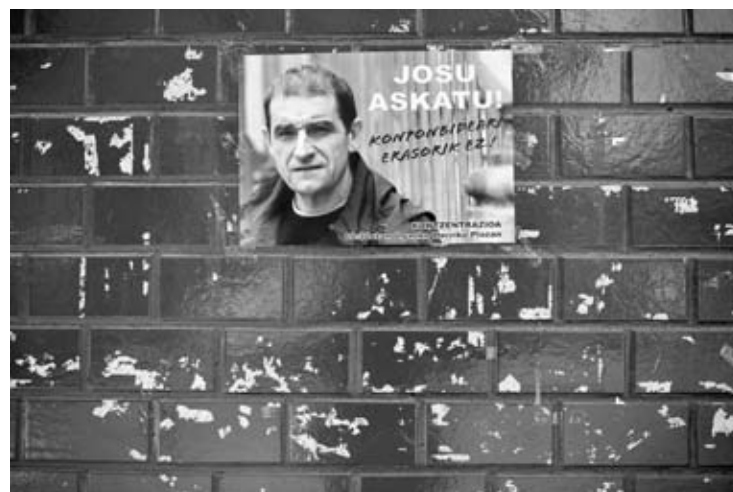
By ELAINE GANLEY
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — A longtime chief of the Basque militant separatist group ETA has been jailed in France, a day after his arrest in a French Alpine town ended 17 years on the run.

A French judicial official said Josu Ternera, the most wanted ETA member since 2002, was transferred to Paris, formally notified of the arrest warrant and ordered jailed. The official wasn't authorized to speak publicly.

Ternera was arrested Thursday in the town of Salanches.

He was convicted in ab-



A poster with the face of Basque separatist militant Josu Ternera is attached to a wall in his home town of Ugao-Miraballes, Spain, Thursday, May 16, 2019.

Associated Press

sentia in 2017 in France for involvement in a terrorist group and sentenced to

eight years in prison. He has the right to request a new trial.

Spain says it will ask France to extradite Ternera to stand trial for alleged crimes against humanity and multiple killings before he completes a French sentence.

ETA, whose initials stand for "Basque Homeland and Freedom" in the Basque language, killed more than 850 people during its decades-long violent campaign to create an independent state in northern Spain and southern France. The militant group gave up its arms in 2017 and disbanded last year after being weakened by efforts to dismantle its operations and arrest its leaders.

Ternera was one of the negotiators who sat down with Spanish government envoys for talks to try to end the group's activities in the mid-2000s. His voice was identified as one of two ETA members who read a statement announcing the group's dismantling on audio recordings released on May 3, 2018.

Mayor Jean-Marc Peille of Saint-Gervais-les-Bains said Ternera had been housed in the village of Saint Nicolas de Verce, on the outskirts of his town. He speculated Friday that police were searching for accomplices who helped hide the long-time fugitive. □

Once again, Iraq caught up in tensions between U.S. and Iran

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — When U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo sat down with Iraqi officials in Baghdad last week as tensions mounted between America and Iran, he delivered a nuanced message: If you're not going to stand with us, stand aside.

The message, relayed to The Associated Press by two Iraqi government officials, underscores Iraq's delicate position: Its government is allied with both sides of an increasingly contentious confrontation.

As tensions escalate, there are concerns that Baghdad could once again get caught in the middle, just as it is on the path to recovery. The country hosts more than 5,000 U.S. troops, and is home to powerful Iranian-backed militias, some of whom want those U.S. forces to leave.

"The big question is how Iraqi leaders will deal with (their) national interests in a country where loyalty to external powers is widespread at the expense of their own nation," Iraqi political analyst Watheq al-Hashimi said. "If the state cannot put these (Iranian-backed militias) under control, Iraq will become an arena for an Iranian-American armed conflict."

Despite a series of provocative moves on both sides, President Donald Trump has said he doesn't want a war with Iran and has even said he is open to dialogue. But tension remains high, in part given the region's fraught history.

For Iraq to be a theater for proxy wars is not new. The Shiite-majority country lies on the fault line between Shiite Iran and the mostly Sunni Arab world, led by powerhouse Saudi Arabia, and has long been a battlefield in which the Saudi-Iran rivalry for regional supremacy played out.

During America's eight-year military presence that began with the 2003 invasion of Iraq, U.S. troops and Iranian-backed militiamen fought pitched battles

around the country, and scores of U.S. troops were killed or wounded by the militia forces armed with so-

announced trip to the Iraqi capital following the abrupt cancellation of a visit to Germany, and as

publicly discuss the private meetings in Baghdad and spoke on condition of anonymity, said Pompeo was

could come as retaliation if the United States were to carry out a military operation against Iran.

The heightened tensions between Iran and the U.S. come a year after Trump pulled America out of Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers and as the White House ordered an aircraft carrier and bombers into the region over a still-unexplained threat from Iran.

On Sunday, the United Arab Emirates alleged that four oil tankers off its eastern coast were targeted by sabotage. On Tuesday, Yemen's Iran-allied Houthi rebels said they launched seven drones to target Saudi Arabia. The drones stuck pumping stations along the kingdom's crucial East-West Pipeline, causing minor damage, Saudi officials say. On the streets of Baghdad, some shrugged off the rising tensions while others worried their country could be sucked into another war.

Aqil Rubaei said he was worried that his country, which has been at war since a year before he was born, will be the place where the U.S. and Iran will settle their accounts. The 38-year-old was born in 1981, a year after Iran and Iraq began their eight-year war and was 9 years old when Saddam Hussein's forces invaded Kuwait leading to a destructive war that forced Iraq out of Kuwait and 13 years of crippling sanctions.

In 2003, the U.S. invaded and removed Saddam, leading to the rise of extremist groups that culminated in 2014 with the Islamic State group capturing large parts of Iraq and Syria and declaring a so-called caliphate. The war that followed left entire Iraqi cities and towns destroyed until Iraq declared victory in 2017.

"Iraqi people are fed up with war," said Rubaei inside his cosmetics shop in Baghdad's bustling Karrada neighborhood. "We don't want Iraq to become an arena for an Iranian-American war." □



In this May 29, 2016 file photo, Iraqi security forces and allied Popular Mobilization forces fire artillery during fight against Islamic State militants in Fallujah, Iraq.

Associated Press

phisticated Iranian-made weapons.

American forces withdrew from Iraq in 2011 but returned in 2014 at the invitation of Iraq to help battle the Islamic State group after it seized vast areas in the north and west of the country, including Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul. A U.S.-led coalition provided crucial air support as Iraqi forces regrouped and drove IS out in a costly three-year campaign. Iranian-backed militias fought alongside U.S.-backed Iraqi troops against IS, gaining outsized influence and power.

Now, amid an escalating conflict between the U.S. and Iran, Iraq is once again vulnerable to becoming caught up in the power play. An attack targeting U.S. interests in Iraq would be detrimental to the country's recent efforts at recovering and reclaiming its status in the Arab world. Earlier this year, Trump provoked outrage in Baghdad when he said he wanted U.S. troops to stay in Iraq so they can "watch Iran," suggesting a changing mission for American troops there. On May 8, Pompeo made a lightning, previously un-

the United States had been picking up intelligence that Iran is threatening American interests in the Middle East.

The two Iraqi officials said Pompeo relayed intelligence information the U.S. had received about a threat to U.S. forces in Iraq — but kept it vague. They said he did not specify the nature of the threat. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity to divulge confidential information, said Pompeo told the Iraqis that America did not expect them to side with the U.S. in any confrontation with Iran, but that they should not side against America. In other words, stand aside.

A few days later, as U.S.-Iranian tensions continued to rise, the State Department ordered all non-essential, non-emergency government staff to leave the country.

U.S. officials said Pompeo told the Iraqis the U.S. had an "inherent right to self-defense" and would use it if U.S. personnel, facilities or interests are attacked by Iran or its proxies in Iraq or anywhere else.

The three officials, who were not authorized to

not contemplating any pre-emptive strikes on Iran or the use of Iraqi territory to stage military operations against Iran. Pompeo's message, the officials said, was that the U.S. wants to avoid conflict but would respond or defend itself if necessary.

The secretary told reporters on the flight that his meetings with Iraq's president and prime minister were intended to demonstrate U.S. support for "a sovereign, independent" Iraq, free from the influence of neighboring Iran. Pompeo also said he wanted to underscore Iraq's need to protect Americans in their country.

A general at Iraq's Defense Ministry said Iraq was taking precautionary security measures in light of the information about threats against U.S. interests, although those measures have not reached the highest levels.

"Iraqi forces are worried that American forces could be targeted by factions loyal to Iran," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. He added that any attack on U.S. troops

Taiwan approves same-sex marriage in first for Asia

By RALPH JENNINGS

Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan's legislature voted Friday to legalize same-sex marriage, a first in Asia and a boost for LGBT rights activists who had championed the cause for two decades.

Lawmakers pressured by LGBT groups as well as by church organizations opposed to the move approved most of a government-sponsored bill that recognizes same-sex marriages and gives couples many of the tax, insurance and child custody benefits available to male-female married couples.

That makes Taiwan the first place in Asia with a comprehensive law both allowing and laying out the terms of same-sex marriage.

Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, a supporter of the law, tweeted: "On May 17th, 2019 in Taiwan, LoveWon. We took a big step toward true equality, and made Taiwan a better country."

"It's a breakthrough, I have to say so," said Shiao Hong-chi, professor of gender studies and communications management at Shih-Hsin University in Taiwan.

Thousands of people, including same-sex couples,

demonstrated Friday morning in the rainy streets outside parliament before the vote. Many carried rainbow-colored placards reading "The vote cannot fail." About 50 opponents sat under a tent outside parliament and gave speeches favoring marriage between only men and women.

Taiwan's Constitutional Court in May 2017 said the constitution allows same-sex marriages and gave parliament two years to adjust laws accordingly.

The court order mobilized LGBT advocacy groups pushing for fair treatment, as well as opponents among church groups and advocates of traditional Chinese family values that stress the importance of marriage and producing offspring. Religion, conservative values and political systems that discourage LGBT activism have slowed momentum toward same-sex marriage in many Asian countries from Japan through much of Southeast Asia, although Thailand is exploring the legalization of same-sex civil partnerships. "This will help spark a debate in Thailand, and hopefully will help Thailand move faster on our own partnership bill," said Wat-



Same-sex marriage supporters kiss outside the Legislative Yuan Friday, May 17, 2019, in Taipei, Taiwan after the legislature passed a law allowing same-sex marriage in a first for Asia.

Associated Press

tana Keiangpa of the Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health.

Phil Robertson, deputy Asia director for Human Rights Watch, said Taiwan's action should "sound a clarion call, kicking off a larger movement across Asia to ensure equality for LGBT people and pro-active protection of their rights by governments throughout the region. No more excuses!"

Taiwan's acceptance of gay and lesbian relationships began in the 1990s when leaders in today's

ruling Democratic Progressive Party championed the cause to help Taiwan stand out in Asia as an open society.

Although claimed by China as its own territory, Taiwan is a self-governing democracy with a vibrant civil society dedicated to promoting rights for sexual and ethnic minorities, women, the handicapped and others.

Mainland China, ruled by the authoritarian Communist Party, remains much more conservative and officials have repeatedly dis-

couraged even the discussion of legalizing same-sex marriage.

Despite that, news of Taiwan's new law was a major trending topic on social media in China, with more than 100 million views on the Twitter-like microblogging site Weibo.

Opponents in Taiwan raised fears of incest, insurance scams and children confused by having two mothers or two fathers. Both sides of the issue have held colorful street demonstrations and lobbied lawmakers. □

Japan, China agree to boost relations ahead of Xi visit

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japan and China agreed Friday to boost their relations ahead of a planned visit by Chinese President Xi Jinping to Japan in June, his first since coming to power in 2013. China's top diplomat, Yang Jiechi, told Prime Minister Shinzo Abe that the timing is appropriate for the two sides to deepen ties.

He said this year marks a fresh start for both countries — the 70th anniversary of Communist rule in China and the beginning of the "Reiwa" era of Emperor Naruhito, who acceded to the

Chrysanthemum Throne on May 1. "A new momentum is emerging in Japan-China relations," Yang said.

"I'm confident that our ties are not only back on a normal track but will continue to develop in a healthy and stable manner," he said.

The two Asian powers have disputes over the ownership of tiny islands and undersea deposits in the East China Sea, as well as over wartime history, but their relations have improved recently amid the U.S. trade war with China.

Abe and Yang agreed to continue preparing for Xi's June 28-29 visit to attend

the G-20 summit in Osaka, where the leaders are expected to hold talks.

Yang also met with Abe's national security adviser, Shotaro Yachi, and Foreign Minister Taro Kono to discuss Xi's visit. During the G-20 summit, Abe also is to meet with U.S. President Donald Trump for a third month in a row. Abe said Xi's visit would be a catalyst for China-Japan relations. "Using President Xi's visit to Japan as a trigger, I hope we can further develop Japan-China relations into a new era as our relations have returned to normalcy," Abe told Yang. □



Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi, left, and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, right, shake hands at Abe's official residence in Tokyo Friday, May 17, 2019.

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Without Venezuela's oil, Haiti struggles to keep lights on

By RALPH THOMASSAINT JOSEPH

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— When her daughter was 4 years old, Jennifer Jean started a small catering business in Bourdon, a lower middle-class district of the Haitian capital.

Starting with the occasional wedding or corporate meeting, she grew the business into a venture that earned her as much as \$1,000 a month, enough to pay bills and send her now-teenage daughter and her 7-year-old son to a good private school.

Then the blackouts started, making it impossible to do basic activities. Without refrigeration, she now has to buy ice on the street to keep her prepared food cool. "Back in the day you were able to take your car out any time of night, 1 a.m. or 2 a.m.," said Jean, who is thinking of migrating to the United States. "Now all the streets are dark. You just don't know what you are going to run into."

Through the Venezuelan aid program known as Petrocaribe, Haiti once received roughly 60,000 barrels of oil a day under favorable terms that beat anything on the open market. More than half the costs of the oil, which came at a heavily discounted price,



In this April 16, 2019 photo, Johny Legagneur charges a light bulb for a client at his shop in Petion-Ville, Haiti.

were repayable over 25 years at a 1% interest rate, allowing the government to supposedly use the windfall for economic development. In exchange, Haiti reliably backed Venezuela against the United States in regional forums such as the Organization of American States.

But as President Nicolás Maduro's government has struggled with plunging petroleum production and a cratering economy, Venezuela has stopped sending billions in subsidized oil to countries throughout Central America and the

Caribbean, including Haiti, where the end of cheap oil has meant a sharp reduction in power.

Meanwhile, Haiti's Bureau of Monetization of Development Aid Programs, or BMPAD, quickly ran into its own difficulties. After starting to buy oil on the global market, the bureau said this year that it had run out of operating funds and stopped regularly delivering fuel needed by power station operators to keep the lights on.

Now, much of Haiti's population enjoys electricity for just three hours a day.

Nighttime activity has ground to a halt as armed robbers hold up street merchants or break into people's homes in darkness. Gas stations have gone empty for days, making it nearly impossible for many Haitians to get to work, run errands or take their kids to school. Hospitals are forced to rely on backup generators.

"We can't find gas for our vehicles. Our clients can't come to us. Sales are down in every sector," said businessman Reginald Boulos, whose investment group runs major supermarkets

and car dealerships. The fuel crisis is helping push Haiti's economy dangerously close to recession. GDP growth in 2018 was 1.5% — less than half what the government expected. Economists say this year will likely be the same. Annual inflation has also reached an estimated 17%, while a gallon of gasoline sells on the black market for between \$6 and \$12.

Fuel distributors are reimbursed by the state to the tune of about 27 cents for every subsidized gallon of gasoline sold to customers. That helps keep the price around \$2.50 a gallon. But the cash-strapped Haitian state has gone months without paying subsidies and at one point owed some \$71 million, leaving Haitian businesspeople to call for the end of the complicated state-oil purchase structure. The path out is murky at best. When President Jovenel Moise tried to eliminate fuel subsidies on July 6 and raise prices of various petroleum products by 38% to 51%, protesters took to streets across the country calling for him to step down. The decision was quickly reversed, and the International Monetary Fund has since offered the hemisphere's poorest nation a \$96 million low-interest loan. □



This Dec. 8, 2016 file photo, shows two women who are accused by police of being part of the Mara Salvatrucha Gang are presented to the media at police headquarters in San Salvador, El Salvador.

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El Salvador sentences 7 in 'black widows' insurance killings

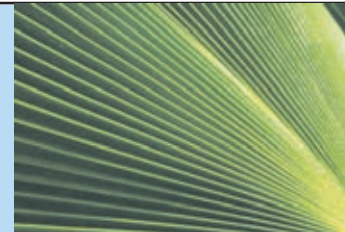
SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)

— A court in El Salvador sentenced seven gang members to up to 30 years Friday for the notorious "black widows" killings, in which women were forced to marry men who were then killed to collect on life insurance policies. Prosecutors accused the defendants of recruiting women to perform domestic work and then having them wed the victims, who were tricked into thinking the women were U.S. citizens and that marrying them would let them emigrate legally. The "black widows," members of the

Mara Salvatrucha or MS-13 gang, were found guilty of human trafficking and illicit association, but absolved of fraud and propositioning homicide. The two ring-leaders of the group were sentenced to 30 years, while the rest got 15 or 25 years. The two women involved testified at the trial and are now under official protection against reprisals. One recounted how she was forced to get married in 2014 to Edgar Gutiérrez, who was murdered two months later. After the weddings, the two men they married were persuaded to take out insurance policies

by telling them it was a requirement for processing a U.S. spousal visa. Soon after, the women were forced to return to the gang members while the men were killed. The women were then made to claim the bodies at the morgue, file the necessary paperwork, collect the insurance payout and hand it over, accompanied at every step by gang members. Officials learned about the deadly scam when one of the women escaped and reported it. Authorities suspect there may have been more victims, but that was never confirmed. □

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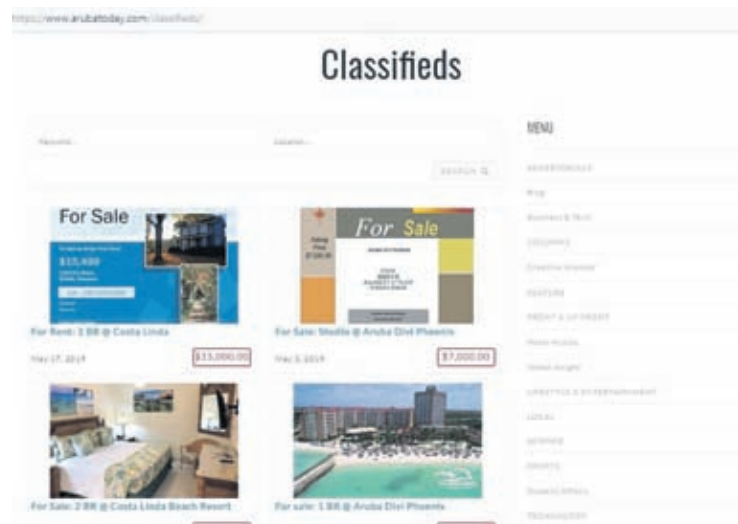


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The honorees were **Jerome & Laura Goldberg residents of New Jersey**. They have been honored as Goodwill Ambassadors since they have been coming to our Island for more than 25 years consecutively.

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SPORTS



Oakland Athletics' Jurickson Profar tosses his bat after flying out during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers, Thursday, May 16, 2019, in Detroit.

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Profar slam, A's romp 17-3 for 13th straight win over Tigers

DETROIT (AP) — Jurickson Profar hit his first career grand slam, and Oakland won its 13th straight over Detroit and its eighth in a row at Comerica Park.

Josh Phegley had four hits, including one of Oakland's five home runs. Matt Olson and Marcus Semien also homered for Oakland.

Detroit has been outscored 41-9 while losing the first four games of a 10-game homestand.

Ohio native Chris Bassitt (2-1) pitched eight shutout innings in front of a large group of friends and family.

Spencer Turnbull (2-3) allowed six runs, only one of which was earned, five hits and two walks in four innings.

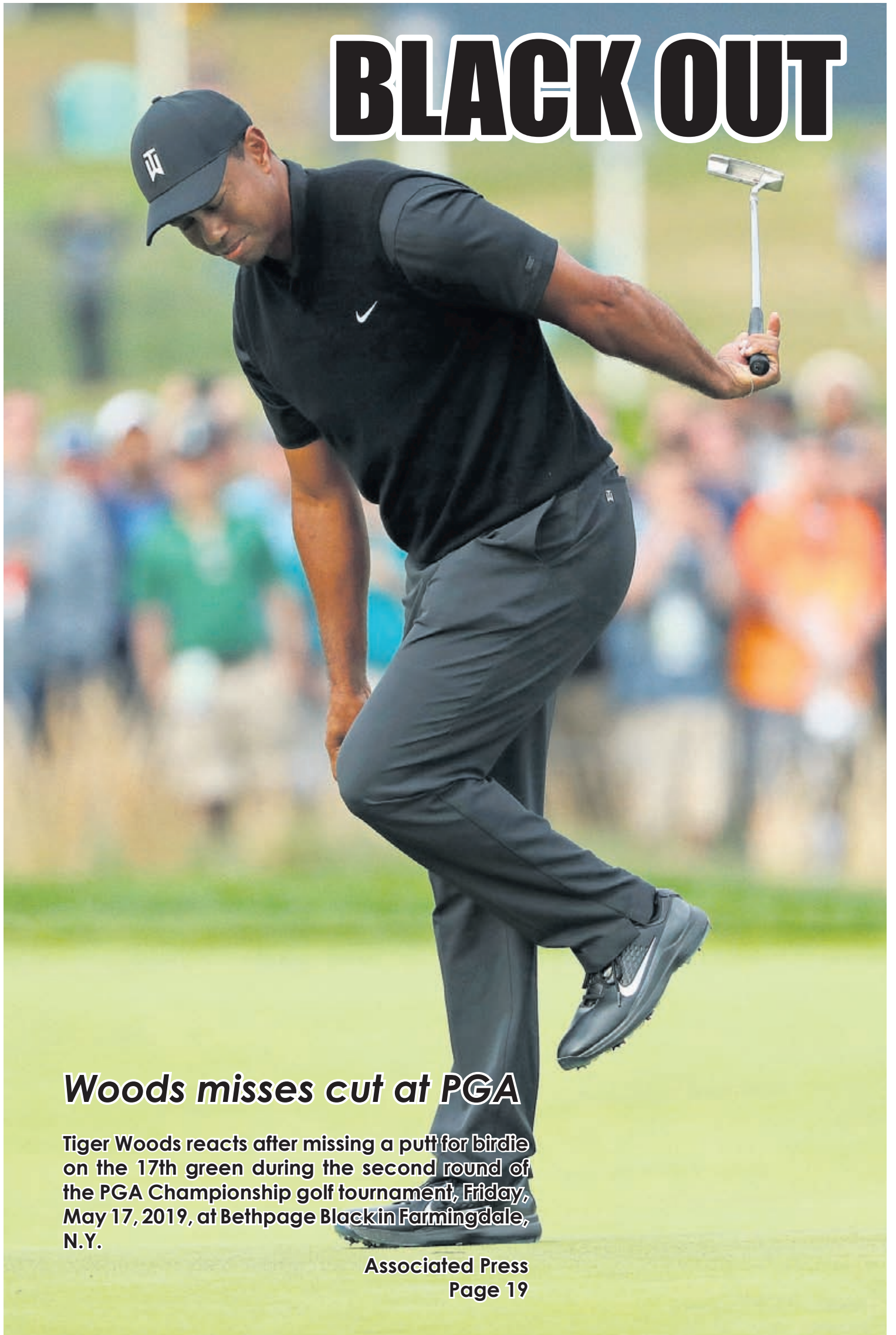
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— Rougned Odor homered twice, Willie Calhoun went deep for the second straight day.

Joey Gallo went deep among his four hits, and Hunter Pence also homered.

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Woods misses cut at PGA

Tiger Woods reacts after missing a putt for birdie on the 17th green during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament, Friday, May 17, 2019, at Bethpage Black in Farmingdale, N.Y.

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Nadal, Djokovic advance; Federer and Osaka withdraw injured

By **ANDREW DAMPF**

AP Sports Writer

ROME (AP) — Rafael Nadal put away Fernando Verdasco 6-4, 6-0 at the Italian Open on Friday to reach the semifinals after conceding only six games in his six sets of tennis at the tournament.

Yet he ought to be a little nervous.

Nadal has fallen in the semifinals of his last three tournaments — all on his favored clay. And next up is Stefanos Tsitsipas, whom Nadal lost to in Madrid last week.

"I know what happened last week, and I (am) going to try to do it better tomorrow," Nadal said. "I have to hold the level or increase a little bit more. If that happens, I (am) going to have my chances. The good thing is during the last month my feeling is every week was better than the previous one."

Tsitsipas, 20, is up to No. 7 in the rankings.

"Every year, we make (a) prediction with the team which player is going to be at the top 10 at the end of the season," Nadal said. "I put Tsitsipas there. ... He started even better than what I (expected). He deserves to be where he is now."

Top-ranked Novak Djokovic outlasted Juan Martin del Potro 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4 in an entertaining slugfest that lasted more than three



Rafael Nadal of Spain returns the ball to Fernando Verdasco of Spain during their quarterfinal match at the Italian Open tennis tournament, in Rome, Friday, May 17, 2019.

hours and finished after 1 a.m. local time at the Foro Italico.

Djokovic saved a match point in the second-set tie-breaker and was frustrated at times, receiving a warning for slamming his racket to the clay early in the third. But the Serb regained his composure and closed it out by serving an ace on his first match point.

Djokovic next faces Diego Schwartzman, who beat Kei Nishikori for the first time in four tries, 6-4, 6-2, to reach his first Masters Series semifinal.

Meanwhile, Roger Federer and top-ranked Naomi Osaka withdrew before

their quarterfinals because of injuries.

Federer reported a right leg injury ahead of his match against Tsitsipas, and Osaka said she'd mysteriously woken up with a sore right hand ahead of her scheduled match against Kiki Bertens.

On the women's side, Karolina Pliskova rallied past former No. 1 Victoria Azarenka 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-2 and will face qualifier Maria Sakkari, who came back to beat Kristina Mladenovic 5-7, 6-3, 6-0.

Bertens, who won the Madrid Open last week, will face Johanna Konta, who beat Marketa Vondrousova 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

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Although Osaka won both of her matches on Thursday in straight sets, Federer, 37, had to labor for more than 2 ½ hours to overcome Borna Coric in his second time on court.

Federer said after beating Coric that he slid on a wet line and his leg "was hurting a little bit."

"I am disappointed that I will not be able to compete today. I am not 100 percent physically and, after consultation with my team, it was determined that I not play," Federer said. "Rome has always been one of my favorite cities to visit and I hope to be back next year."

Later, Federer wrote on Instagram: "The fan reaction and crowd energy during my matches yesterday remind exactly why I am still competing on the ATP Tour."

It's only the fourth time in Federer's career he has had a walkover loss, the ATP Tour said, adding the 20-time Grand Slam champion has never retired in 1,465 matches.

Osaka couldn't immediately say how serious her injury is or if it will affect her status for Roland Garros, which starts in nine days. She had yet to see a doctor, but when she held her hand up for reporters, it was clearly swollen.

"I woke up this morning and couldn't really move my thumb," Osaka said. "I tried to practice and grip my racket but I couldn't, and I kept feeling this pain when I tried to move my hand in different directions."

"I didn't feel anything yesterday. That's why I'm kind of confused right now because I literally woke up in the morning and couldn't move my thumb," Osaka said. "So I was like, 'Maybe I slept on it and maybe it will go away.' But it didn't." Osaka also withdrew before a semifinal in Stuttgart, Germany, last month due to an abdominal injury, and she retired from her previous meeting with Bertens at last year's WTA Finals with a leg injury. □

Bilbao wins Stage 7; Conti keeps pink jersey in Giro



Spanish cyclist Pello Bilbao Lopez De Armentia celebrates while crossing the finish line to win the seventh stage of the Giro d'Italia cycling race, from Vasto to L'Aquila, Italy, Friday, May 17, 2019.

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L'AQUILA, Italy (AP) — Pello Bilbao won the seventh stage of the Giro d'Italia with a late attack while Valero Conti held onto the overall leader's pink jersey Friday.

Bilbao was part of an early breakaway and accelerated uphill from a group of five riders with little more than one kilometer remaining in the undulating 185-kilometer (115-mile) stage from Vasto to L'Aquila.

Tony Gallopin was second and Davide Formolo was third, both five seconds behind. "It's a really important day for me today.

It took me a long time to get my first stage win in a Grand Tour," Bilbao said. "It was a very big advantage to have two riders in the breakaway. Andrey (Zeits) pulled a lot. Dario (Cataldo) was our designated rider but it was such a hard and complicated stage that eventually who made the breakaway was improvised."

Jose Rojas, who was also part of the breakaway, moved up to second overall, 1:32 behind Conti, who took the lead a day earlier. Giovanni Carboni is third, 1:41 back, with Bilbao 11th.

Fernando Gaviria, Conti's teammate on UAE Emirates and winner of the third stage, abandoned the race with pain in his left knee. That leaves Conti with only five riders to help him protect the lead.

"It's been very difficult to retain the pink jersey because it looked like the whole peloton wanted to break away today," Conti said. "There were strong GC riders like Rojas and Bilbao at the front. Luckily, the UAE Team Emirates is very strong and dedicated, too. I'm very happy to keep the lead." □

Koepka shatters 36-hole record and builds 7-shot lead at PGA

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. (AP) —

The power. The putting. The poise. Brooks Koepka has it all at this PGA Championship, along with the lowest 36-hole score in major championship history and the largest lead by anyone at the halfway point of a Grand Slam event in 85 years.

It was daunting to so many players who watched Koepka pull away to a seven-shot lead Friday at Bethpage Black.

And it looked all too familiar to Tiger Woods, who won't be around to see the ending.

Koepka backed up his record-tying 63 with a round that put him in a league of his own. He opened with three birdies in a four-hole stretch and made three birdies over the closing four holes for a 5-under 65 that broke by two shots the lowest 36-hole score — 128 — in any major.

Woods was along for the ride — a short one, in this case, because he missed the cut. He marveled at Koepka hitting 7-iron into a par 5, and a 9-iron into the uphill, 477-yard 15th hole.

"Relative to the field, I was about that long early in my career," Woods said. "When you're able to hit the ball much further than other players, and get on the right golf courses where setups like this is penalizing if you are a little bit crooked, and if he does miss it, he misses on the correct side, and he's far enough down there to where he was able to get the ball on the green. And he did all the little things right."

That describes Woods at Bethpage Black the first time this working man's public course hosted a major at the 2002 U.S. Open. Woods went wire-to-wire when he was winning majors at an alarming rate.

Koepka, who has won three of the last seven majors, appears to be headed down a similar path.

Jordan Spieth had a 66 in the morning in a bid to keep in range. Adam Scott had a 64 in the afternoon. They



Brooks Koepka reacts after missing a putt on the fourth green during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament, Friday, May 17, 2019, at Bethpage Black in Farmingdale, N.Y.

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were seven shots behind, victims of the largest 36-hole lead in a major since Henry Cotton led by nine in the 1934 British Open.

"It has to come to an end eventually, that good front-running," Scott said with a smile. "Let's hope it's not 12 years like Tiger's front-running lasted."

Woods didn't hit a fairway until the ninth hole, and then he started the back nine with three straight bogeys, turning his mission into making the cut. He wound up with a 73 and missed by one shot, only the ninth time in 76 majors as a pro he failed to advance to the weekend.

But he saw quite a show

for two days. "He's driving it 330 yards in the middle of the fairway. He's got 9-irons when most of us are hitting 5-irons, 4-irons, and he's putting well," Woods said. "That adds up to a pretty substantial lead, and if he keeps doing what he's doing, there's no reason why he can't build on this lead." Just imagine what Koepka could do if he really brings it.

"This probably sounds bad," Koepka said, "but today was a battle. I didn't strike it that good. The way I hung in there today and battled it, I think that was probably more impressive than yesterday, not having your 'A' game but still being able to

shoot a great score."

Spieth was hopeful of being in contention at a major for the first time since the British Open last summer, and he made key putts for par and a 40-foot birdie putt toward the end of his 66 to get within two shots before Koepka teed off in the afternoon. It was close enough — at the time, anyway — for Spieth to get queried about the missing piece of a career Grand Slam at the PGA Championship.

"If I'm able to put some good work in tomorrow, I will be in contention on Sunday. And at that point, it will be just more of trying to win a golf tournament," he said. His goal was to stay

in range, and Spieth felt he did enough.

And then Koepka flipped a wedge into 3 feet for birdie on No. 1, hit another wedge to 8 feet for birdie on No. 2 and hit 7-iron to 18 feet on the par-5 fourth hole that set up a two-putt birdie.

He really poured it on at the end as Scott moved closer. On two of the strongest holes in the finishing stretch, Koepka mashed a drive down the middle of the 15th fairway and hit 9-iron to 3 feet, one of only 10 birdies from 155 players in the field. He hit wedge into 5 feet on the 473-yard 16th hole for another birdie, and the record was in sight.

He finished with a wedge out of thick grass right of the 18th fairway, making a final birdie from just inside 12 feet. It was his 14th birdie of the week.

Scott, who pushed Koepka all the way to end at the PGA last year in St. Louis, ran in putts from 25 feet, 40 feet and 30 feet on the opening three holes — only to settle for par on the easiest hole at Bethpage Black at the par-5 fourth — and was 7 under with four holes to play, a chance to break the PGA record of 63 that Koepka had matched the day before.

That ended when Scott missed a 2-foot par putt on the 17th, and he had to get up-and-down from the fairway for par on the 18th.

And then he saw what Koepka was doing.

"I have to post two more good ones by the look of it at this stage," Scott said.

Dustin Johnson had a 67 and was among five players at 4-under 136. Justin Rose had a 67 and was at 3-under 137, a good score on Bethpage except in this case he was nine shots behind.

"I'd like to see that lead grow as large as it possibly can," Koepka said. "I still have to go out there and do what I'm supposed to do, keep putting the ball in the right spot and make sure that you don't make any double bogeys, and I should have a good chance of winning the championship." □

Bruins sweep Hurricanes to reach Stanley Cup Final

By JOEDY McCREARY

AP Sports Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Boston's top line kept finding ways to score, especially on the power play. With a chance to clinch another series, Tuukka Rask was perfect — again.

Rask posted his seventh career playoff shutout, and the Bruins swept the Carolina Hurricanes out of the Eastern Conference final, winning 4-0 on Thursday night to reach their third Stanley Cup Final in nine years.

"Everyone in the room wanted to be at their best," forward Brad Marchand said, "and everyone was at their best tonight."

Rask made 24 saves in his second straight series-clinching shutout. Patrice Bergeron scored two goals, David Pastrnak had a goal and two assists and Marchand added an empty-netter. Both Bergeron and Pastrnak scored on second-period power plays.

The Bruins won their seventh straight postseason game — their longest playoff winning streak in nearly half a century — to return to the Cup final after winning in 2011 and losing to Chicago two years later.

"It's so difficult to advance in the playoffs, let alone make it to the final," said Rask, the backup to Conn Smythe Trophy winner Tim Thomas in 2011. "We need to really enjoy this but real-



Boston Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask (40), of Finland, defends the goal against the Carolina Hurricanes during the second period in Game 4 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Eastern Conference finals in Raleigh, N.C., Thursday, May 16, 2019.

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ize we have a lot of work to do."

On its longest postseason win streak since reeling off nine straight in 1972, Boston earned a break before taking on the West winner. San Jose leads its series with St. Louis 2-1 heading into Game 4 Friday night.

The Bruins won this one without captain Zdeno Chara, who was scratched with an unspecified injury and is day to day, ending a run of 98 consecutive playoff games for the hulking 42-year-old veteran that dated to 2011.

Chara joined his teammates on the ice for the post-series handshake line with Carolina, and while

coach Bruce Cassidy declined to elaborate on the nature of Chara's injury, he did say he's expected back for the start of the Cup final.

Curtis McElhinney made 19 saves for the Hurricanes, whose first playoff appearance since 2009 ended precisely the same way their previous postseason trip did — by being swept in the East final.

"Listen, the tank's been low for a long time," captain Justin Williams said. "It's been running on adrenaline and sheer will. It's always tough to swallow when the season ends, just abruptly like that. It's like you're cut real quick. And

you've got to go home."

Carolina got this far by sweeping the New York Islanders in Round 2. Not that the extra rest time helped the Hurricanes, or anyone else in these playoffs: No team that swept its opponent has won its next series. After outscoring them 17-5 in four games, Boston no doubt wants to halt that trend — especially with the sport's biggest prize on the line.

Special teams drove this series, with the Bruins scoring seven power-play goals in the four games while the Hurricanes had five during their entire 15-game postseason run. Boston had at least one power-play goal

in every game while Carolina failed to score on its last 13 chances with the man advantage.

So it was no surprise that Boston took control with its best-in-the-playoffs power-play unit.

Eighteen seconds into a minor on the Hurricanes for having too many men on the ice, Pastrnak finished off a slick give-and-go with Marchand, getting past Calvin de Haan and slipping the puck into an open net at 4:46 of the second.

"Everything's going OK, then we get into that specialty area where that's obviously a huge advantage for them," coach Rod Brind'Amour said. "And they made us pay."

With Greg McKegg in the box for goaltender interference, the Bruins scored on another give-and-go involving Pastrnak, who set up Bergeron's goal with 1:26 left in the second.

Rask — who blanked Columbus 3-0 in the decisive sixth game of the previous series — didn't even face a shot on goal for roughly the first half of the third, and only seven for the entire period.

"Tuukka's been very consistent," Cassidy said. "Usually, if you're going to get on a roll, your goaltender's going to have to win a game for you somewhere along the way or steal one for you. ... He can't have a bad night." □

At Preakness, they're playing 'musical chairs' with jockeys

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — The jockey shuffle heading into the Preakness has a "musical chairs" feel to it.

Of the 13 jockeys in Saturday's race, nine who rode in the Kentucky Derby are aboard a different horse in the Preakness. Most notably, Hall of Famer Mike Smith is now riding favored Improbable with familiar trainer Bob Baffert, bumping Irad Ortiz to Bourbon War.

"It seems to be a little bit more than maybe most of the time, but this isn't un-



Improbable exercises in preparation for the Preakness horse race, Thursday, May 16, 2019, at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore. The race is scheduled to take place Saturday, May 18.

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common," Smith said. "Especially during this Triple Crown stuff, there's a lot of musical chairs. A lot of people picked up horses at the last minute and won the Derby, won the Preakness and won the Belmont, for that matter."

The top four horses that crossed the finish line in Kentucky won't run in the Preakness. Improbable is the morning line favorite partially because he has finished first or second in five of six races, the lone exception when he came in fifth at the Derby and was bumped up to fourth after

Maximum Security was disqualified.

Smith chose to ride Omaha Beach in the Derby, but after the race favorite was scratched, Baffert opted to stick with Ortiz. That didn't work well for anyone — Improbable never really got a sniff of the lead under Ortiz and Smith finished 10th with Cutting Humor.

The team of Baffert and Smith produced a Triple Crown last year with Justify and four years ago with American Pharoah, and now trainer and jockey are together again trying to recreate the magic. □

Warriors rally from 15 down at halftime, hold off Blazers

By JANIE McCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — These Golden State Warriors have long been able to score in fabulous, jaw-dropping flurries. Down by eight to the Portland Trail Blazers at home with 4½ minutes to go, they needed every last burst, perfect pass, driving layup and dunk.

"Our experience really paid off for us tonight having a bunch of guys who just won't quit," said Draymond Green, who was right smack in the middle of it all. Stephen Curry scored 37 points, and the Warriors rallied from a 15-point halftime deficit before holding off Portland on the final possession for a 114-111 win Thursday night and a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference finals.

Golden State coach Steve Kerr insisted his team stole this game with a sensational final few minutes and another, familiar third-quarter outburst.

Counterpart Terry Stotts of the Trail Blazers considered it a "lost opportunity" on the road.

CJ McCollum missed a driving jumper with 32 seconds left and Green scored on the other end for the Warriors, giving Portland one final chance with 12.3 seconds to go. Andre Iguodala then blocked a 3-point attempt by Damian Lillard on the left wing.

Seth Curry, Steph's little brother, scored 16 points and put Portland ahead on a 3-pointer with 1:03 left before Kevon Looney's dunk on the other end put Golden State back on top at 112-111. Seth tried to "distract" his brother at the free throw line late, or so the story went from Steph, who called Seth a "pest" on defense.

"This was like the coolest experience I think I've ever had playing against him. You talk about the stage, he was amazing tonight," Stephen Curry said. "For my parents, I know we've talked about it the whole series, these last two games it's probably nerve-racking as heck for them. It worked out perfectly tonight. He played well and we won."

Stephen Curry shot 11 for 22 and made all 11 of his free throws — three with 2:01 left — to post his third straight 30-point performance while Splash Brother Klay Thompson needed a half to heat up, scoring 13 of his 24 points in the Warriors' 39-point third period. It was reminiscent of those old third-quarter runs that have defined this group.

McCollum scored 22 points for Portland and Lillard overcame a slow start to add 23 points and 10 assists as the Blazers looked far more in sync than in a 116-94 defeat two days earlier. Game 3 in the best-of-seven

series is Saturday night at Portland.

"We did play a much better game at both ends of the floor tonight. We've got to take that into Game 3," Stotts said. "It is a lost opportunity, no question. We had a chance to get one here on the road."

Green made a pretty bounce pass through the paint to a cutting Iguodala for a dunk with 3:06 left to make it 108-105, then Green assisted on a layup by Looney the next possession.

"Draymond's been special all playoffs," Thompson said. "... When he goes, we go. He was tremendous tonight."

Green had 16 points, 10 rebounds, seven assists and five blocked shots playing with foul trouble. His seven straight playoff games with at least 10 rebounds are a career high.

"We've been here before," Green said. "When you're on a run like we're currently in, you've seen everything. Down eight points with what, four minutes to go, or whatever it was, just got to keep going, because we know we can erase eight points."

The Warriors missed Kevin Durant for a third straight game because of a strained right calf and he isn't likely to return at all this round.

Curry scored Golden State's first eight points of



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) shoots next to Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard (0) during the first half of Game 2 of the NBA basketball playoffs Western Conference finals in Oakland, Calif., Thursday, May 16, 2019.

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the third to get his team back within 69-58 then Thompson hit two straight 3s.

The Blazers had built a 65-50 halftime lead, capitalizing on 10 Warriors turnovers for 18 points.

Then two of the top backcourts in the Western Conference went at it in an entertaining final two quarters. The game was tied at 89 to start the fourth.

The Warriors already got past James Harden and Chris Paul in the last round — now it's McCollum and Lillard standing in the way

of a fifth straight trip to the NBA Finals.

Portland showed it made adjustments from Game 1 and brought it on both ends from the opening tip after the Blazers had regularly left Curry wide open on the perimeter off the pick-and-roll and he scored 36 points while matching his postseason high with nine 3-pointers.

"We've got to bring that same energy at home," McCollum said, "understand that this is the first time in 19 years we've been in the conference final." □

Giannis, George finalists for NBA MVP and defensive award

NEW YORK (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo and Paul George have a chance to be both the NBA's MVP and its Defensive Player of the Year.

Reigning MVP James Harden is the other finalist for the league's top award. The NBA announced three finalists for six individual award categories Friday, based on voting results from a panel of sportswriters and broadcasters.

Antetokounmpo led Milwaukee to the best record in the league and a berth



Toronto Raptors forward Pascal Siakam (43) tries to chase down Milwaukee Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo (34) during the first half in Game 1 of the NBA basketball playoffs Eastern Conference final in Milwaukee on Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

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in the Eastern Conference finals. Oklahoma City was eliminated in the first round as George struggled with a shoulder injury that eventually required surgery.

The other finalist for the league's top defensive award was Utah's Rudy Gobert, who won the award last year.

The winners will be announced June 24 during the NBA Awards, when LeBron James will finish outside the top three of the MVP voting for just the second time in the past 11 years.

The other award finalists:

Rookie of the Year: Deandre Ayton, Phoenix; Luka Doncic, Dallas; Trae Young, Atlanta.

Sixth Man Award: Montrezl Harrell and Lou Williams, Clippers; Domantas Sabonis, Indiana.

Coach of the Year: Mike Budenholzer, Milwaukee; Michael Malone, Denver; Doc Rivers, Clippers.

Most Improved Player: De'Aaron Fox, Sacramento; D'Angelo Russell, Brooklyn; Pascal Siakam, Toronto. □

Yelich hits 17th, 18th homers as Brewers rout Phillies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Christian Yelich hit his major league-leading 17th and 18th homers to help Zach Davies and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Philadelphia Phillies 11-3 Thursday. Yasmani Grandal and Mike Moustakas also went deep as the Brewers won their third in a row.

Davies (5-0) allowed three runs — one earned — and four hits in six innings.

Yelich homered in the first for a 1-0 lead off Zach Eflin (5-4) and added a solo drive off Edgar Garcia in the eighth to make it 8-3.

NATIONALS 7, METS 6

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gerardo Parra hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the fifth and Sean Doolittle stopped New York's ninth-inning rally by striking out Keon Broxton with the bases loaded for his seventh save. Washington won two of three against the Mets for its first series win since April 16-18 against San Francisco.

Michael Conforto hit a tying, three-run homer in the third but left with a concussion in the fifth after colliding with second baseman Robinson Canó's shoulder while chasing a popup. Mets left fielder Jeff McNeil left in the third because of abdominal tightness.



Phillies third baseman Maikel Franco after Yelich advanced to third on an overthrow after stealing second during the sixth inning of a baseball game, Thursday, May 16, 2019, in Philadelphia.

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Dan Jennings (1-2) won in relief of Aníbal Sánchez, who left after 1 1/3 innings because of a strained left hamstring that will send him to the injured list. Mets starter Zack Wheeler (3-3) allowed six runs and a career-high 11 hits in six innings.

REDS 4, CUBS 2

CINCINNATI (AP) — Eugenio Suarez singled home the go-ahead run during a fifth-inning downpour and added another RBI single as the Reds pulled away

from Chicago.

The Cubs came into the series on the best surge in the majors, having won or split 10 straight series. The NL Central leaders let a late lead get away Wednesday night for a 6-5, 10-inning loss. This one slipped away as the rain intensified in the bottom of the fifth.

Jose Quintana (4-3) gave up Jose Peraza's solo homer with one out, his first since April 26. After a pair of singles, Quintana threw back-to-back wild pitches

that let in a run with two outs. Suarez's single made it 3-2. He added another RBI single in the seventh.

Luis Castillo (5-1) gave up two runs on two hits and a walk, all in the first inning. Chicago's Kris Bryant walked in his first plate appearance, extending his career-best streak to 25 games reaching base safely.

BRAVES 10, CARDINALS 2

ATLANTA (AP) — Austin Riley went 3 for 4 and drove in a run, Julio Teheran pitched

five-plus scoreless innings and Atlanta won for the fifth time in six games.

Riley, who homered in his second major league at-bat Wednesday, doubled off the top of the wall in the second inning and singled in a run in the third. He scored twice.

Teheran (3-4) allowed two hits — a bloop single by Yadier Molina to begin the fifth and a single by Paul Goldschmidt to begin the sixth — and drove in two runs with a sacrifice bunt in the second and a single in the third. Teheran, who has a 0.53 ERA over his last three starts, walked four and struck out four.

St. Louis starter Adam Wainwright (3-4) gave up five runs, five hits and five walks with two strikeouts in four innings. Marcel Ozuna and Matt Carpenter hit solo homers for the Cardinals.

PADRES 4, PIRATES 3

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Ian Kinsler hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the sixth inning for the Padres, who set the major league record by going 8,020 games without a no-hitter since their inception.

Franmil Reyes also homered, connecting off Trevor Williams an inning before the Pirates starter left with discomfort in his right side. □

Profar slam, A's romp 17-3 for 13th straight win over Tigers

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Royals manager Ned Yost used utility man Chris Owings on the mound the last two innings.

Lance Lynn (5-3) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings. Homer Bailey (4-4) gave up six runs — five earned — eight hits and four walks in 4 1/3 innings.

INDIANS 14, ORIOLES 7

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jason Kipnis homered twice and drove in a career-high six runs as Cleveland hammered Baltimore in the opener of a four-game series.

Kipnis hit a solo shot in the first inning, a three-run homer in the fourth off reliever Gabriel Ynoa (0-1) and was credited with two RBIs on



Texas Rangers' Rougned Odor is tagged out by Kansas City Royals third baseman Kelvin Gutierrez as he runs to third base on a fielder's choice hit into by Isiah Kiner-Falefa during the fifth inning of a baseball game Thursday, May 16, 2019, in Kansas City, Mo.

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an unusual fielder's choice in the seventh.

Cleveland trailed 5-1 before rallying, falling behind and then taking the lead for good on Carlos Santana's RBI single in the sixth. The Indians broke it open with five runs in the seventh. Trey Mancini hit a three-run homer and Rio Ruiz had a two-run drive for the Orioles, who have lost seven of eight.

A.J. Cole (1-1) replaced starter Trevor Bauer in the sixth and picked up his first win for the Indians, whose bats have finally awakened in the past two games.

WHITE SOX 4, BLUE JAYS 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Yolmer Sanchez scored the tiebreaking run on Ryan Cordell's suicide squeeze in

the eighth inning, and Chicago topped Toronto for its fourth win in five games.

With runners at the corners and the infield in, Cordell bunted to the first base side. Blue Jays reliever Derek Law (0-1) threw to catcher Danny Jansen, but Sanchez slid under the tag to give Cordell his second RBI of the game.

Charlie Tilson then scored from third on Leury Garcia's sacrifice fly. Tilson was originally ruled out on Billy McKinney's throw, but the call was overturned following a replay review.

Kelvin Herrera (1-2) pitched around two walks in a scoreless eighth. Alex Colomé earned his ninth save in nine chances, completing a two-hitter. □



United States forward Tobin Heath, left, scores past New Zealand goalkeeper Erin Naylor during the first half of an international friendly soccer match Thursday, May 16, 2019, in St. Louis.

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Carli Lloyd helps U.S. to 5-0 win over New Zealand

By STEVE OVERBEY
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Carli Lloyd left no doubt.

She hates her role as a super sub for the U.S. women's national team.

"If I liked coming off the bench there would be something wrong," Lloyd said. "That's not my mindset."

Lloyd may not like it, but she does it quite well.

The 36-year-old Lloyd scored twice and Alyssa Naeher got the shutout, helping the United States beat New Zealand 5-0 in a World Cup series send-off match on Thursday.

Tobin Heath, Rose Lavelle and Samantha Mewis also scored during Team USA's second date in a three-match series leading up to the World Cup, which begins June 7 in France. The U.S. faces Mexico on May 26 in Harrison, New Jersey, in its final tuneup.

Lloyd, the FIFA Women's Player of the Year in 2015 and 2016, took her instant offense role to a new level, scoring on her first touch just 44 seconds after entering in the 60th minute. She converted a pass from Heath to push the lead to 3-0.

U.S. coach Jill Ellis prefers to use some younger, fresher legs in the starting lineup. But she said Lloyd is still the heart and soul of the team. "Whether she's a starter or coming in off the bench, she changes the game," Ellis said. "She's prepared

and ready for everything. She's proven that she's ready for (big) moments."

U.S. forward Alex Morgan still marvels at Lloyd's exploits.

"She's been kind of the core of this team for so many years," Morgan said. "You know that she's a gamer. I'm really excited for another World Cup because I know she's going to be bringing it."

Heath and Lavelle scored six minutes apart late in the first half.

Heath tipped in a cross from Megan Rapinoe in the 35th minute for a 1-0 lead. It was the 29th international goal for Heath, who scored twice in the SheBelieves Cup this year. Lavelle converted a left-footed deflection off a pass from Lindsey Horan.

Heath's goal came just three minutes after Naeher punched out a free kick from Anna Green just outside the box.

Naeher posted her 24th career shutout.

"I think the biggest thing was staying engaged with the back line," Naeher said. "Even if I'm not visibly touching the ball, that communication keeps me in it."

The Americans, who outshot New Zealand 25-1, scored three times in a 24-minute span in the second half and showed much more flair on offense. "When they do the right things, it's pretty fantastic," Ellis said. □



In this March 3, 2018, file photo, Deontay Wilder, left, fights Luis Ortiz during the third round of the WBC heavyweight championship bout in New York.

Associated Press

No Fury or Joshua, but Wilder promises to punish Breazeale

By BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Whatever disappointment Deontay Wilder may have had in not next fighting Anthony Joshua or Tyson Fury is gone.

Now the heavyweight champion can't wait to get in the ring with Dominic Breazeale.

"It's going to be an amazing night for me and a sad night for him," Wilder said. Coming off the first fight of his career that didn't end in victory, Wilder wants to power his way back into the win column Saturday when he defends his version of the title at Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

It's not a unification showdown against Joshua or rematch of his draw with Fury, either of which would have been far bigger events. But to Wilder (40-0-1, 39 KOs), this is much more than just a mandatory defense of the WBC belt.

His anger toward the challenger stems from a few years back and has led to harsh words. Wilder promises it will be followed by harder punches.

"He asked for this and he shall receive," Wilder said. Details of exactly what happened in a hotel in Wilder's native Alabama, which came after they fought on the same card

and involved family and friends, are unclear. But it's made for an easy buildup to the Showtime-televized fight that at first felt like a letdown.

Even if a Joshua bout still seemed out of reach, all roads pointed toward an immediate rematch with Fury, who fought Wilder to a draw in December. However, the British former champion then signed with Top Rank, the promotional company that has an exclusive deal with ESPN and another timetable in mind. But the first bout, in which Fury memorably got up from a devastating combination Wilder landed in the 12th round, coupled with Joshua's impending U.S. debut on June 1 across town at Madison Square Garden, helped provide Wilder and heavyweight boxing with a boost in publicity even with Breazeale (20-1, 18 KOs) not carrying the same level of fame as the more desired opponents.

Showtime president of sports and event programming Stephen Espinoza said the first fight, Wilder's debut as the headliner, was the most successful pay-per-view bout of the last decade or so that didn't involve Floyd Mayweather, Manny Pacquiao or Canelo Alvarez.

Wilder has since gone on to launch a clothing line and this week rang the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange — his powerful slams broke the gavel, naturally — moving toward the kind of stardom that the heavyweight champion used to command.

Breazeale, whose only loss was to Joshua, doesn't think so.

He doesn't see any growth at all in the longtime champion, agreeing with those who believed Wilder was gifted a draw in Los Angeles.

"You guys know damn well he lost that last fight, man. He did not beat Fury," Breazeale said. "There hasn't been any development on Wilder since the last four years, probably in his whole professional career. He looks the same as he did as an amateur and even then he didn't look great. To think that he's been the WBC champ for what, four years now, that's a disgrace to the heavyweight division."

Wilder had been good enough to beat everyone until Fury. With a win Saturday he would become just the 10th heavyweight to make nine or more successful title defenses, joining a list that includes Muhammad Ali, Joe Louis, Joe Frazier and Mike Tyson. □

Economic sanctions on Huawei could backfire on U.S. firms

By FRANK BAJAK
AP Technology Writer

The Trump administration's decision to restrict all U.S. technology sales to Chinese telecommunications powerhouse Huawei for national security reasons doesn't just up the ante in the China trade war.

It's also bound to hurt U.S. suppliers and accelerate Beijing's drive toward greater technological independence.

The White House issued an executive order Wednesday apparently aimed at banning Huawei's equipment from U.S. telecom networks and information infrastructure. It then announced a more potent and immediate sanction that subjects the Chinese company to strict export controls.

The order took effect Thursday and requires U.S. government approval for all purchases of U.S. microchips, software and other components globally by Huawei and 68 affiliated businesses. Huawei says that amounted to \$11 billion in goods last year.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said Thursday in an interview with Bloomberg TV that the sanctions are "not really a part of the trade negotiation" but added that they could be



A woman walks past advertisement for Huawei smartphones in Beijing on Thursday, May 16, 2019.

reversed should Huawei no longer be deemed "a significant danger" to U.S. national security.

The U.S. government has long insisted that equipment from suppliers including Huawei poses an espionage threat because it is legally beholden to China's ruling party. But U.S. officials have presented no evidence of any Huawei equipment serving as intentional conduits for espionage by Beijing.

About a third of Huawei's suppliers are American including chip makers Broad-

com, Qualcomm and Intel. Ironically, many of the computer chips, memory and other components it gets from U.S. companies are made in China, said Roger Entner, founder of telecom research firm Recon Analytics.

The company's flagship smartphone, the Mate 20 Pro, includes chips made by Skyworks Solutions Inc. and a wireless receiver made by Integrated Device Technologies, both U.S. companies.

Neither company responded immediately to requests

for comment. A Qualcomm spokeswoman said the company had no comment.

He said they would have "ripple effects through the entire global telecommunications network." If Huawei "can't get the widget or the part or the software update to keep functioning, then those systems go down," said Wolf, a partner at the Washington law firm Akin Gump.

Huawei issued a statement Thursday calling the move "in no one's interest."

"It will do significant eco-

nomie harm to the American companies with which Huawei does business, affect tens of thousands of American jobs, and disrupt the current collaboration and mutual trust that exist on the global supply chain," the company said. Huawei is already the biggest global supplier of networking equipment, and Entner said it is poised to overtake Samsung as the No. 1 smartphone manufacturer. He said Huawei is now apt to move toward making all components domestically. China already has a policy seeking technological independence by 2025 and Entner said Huawei has its own mobile processors and chips.

The restrictions would also bar Google from licensing value-added components and services of its Android operating system, which Google gives away for free to use on Huawei and other smartphones.

Entner said Huawei would likely be forced to ship its smartphones outside China with a stripped-down Android version used inside China. That package is missing Google's maps software and its Play Store, from which users buy and download apps, meaning Google could lose revenue. □



In this Tuesday, July 11, 2017 file photo, a Deliveroo logo is seen on a bicycle in London.

LONDON (AP) — Amazon is investing in British meal delivery company Deliveroo, giving the online shopping behemoth a larger stake in the fast-growing restaurant delivery business.

Amazon failed to get its own restaurant delivery

business going in the United Kingdom, shutting it down for good late last year. It faced tough competition from Deliveroo, as well as its other rivals in the country such as Just Eat and Uber-Eats. Amazon's service, called Amazon Restau-

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Amazon takes top stake in UK food delivery firm Deliveroo

rants, still operates in several U.S. cities. Deliveroo, whose Kangaroo logo is a common sight on scooters and bicycles around Britain, said Friday that it raised \$575 million from a number of investors led by Amazon. The Seattle company will be Deliveroo's largest investor, but did not disclose how much of a stake Amazon acquired. Amazon.com Inc. declined to comment Friday. With Amazon now on its side, shares of Deliveroo's competitors fell Friday. Just Eat, which trades on the London Stock Exchange, dropped 8%. And Uber, the ride-hailing

company that owns Uber-Eats, fell 1.3%. Founded in 2013, Deliveroo has about 60,000 riders delivering food from some 80,000 restaurants in 14 countries, including Australia, France and Germany.

Like other so-called gig economy companies, Deliveroo has run into legal tussles over whether its riders count as employees and should get work benefits.

While some workers would want the legal status of employee, with more fixed hours and greater benefits, others like the flexibility to decide when and how long

to work. In May, Britain's High Court ruled that Deliveroo riders do not in fact have the right to collective bargaining, by which they negotiate pay, hours and vacation time as a group of employees rather than individually.

Deliveroo said the new investments will help it try new operations, such as delivery-only kitchens, in an effort to expand its reach.

"This is great news for the tech and restaurant sectors, and it will help to create jobs in all of the countries in which we operate," said Will Shu, the founder and CEO of Deliveroo. □

Trump lifts tariffs on Mexico, Canada, delays auto tariffs

By PAUL WISEMAN, TOM KRISHER, KEVIN FREKING and ROB GILLIES

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Bogged down in a sprawling trade dispute with U.S. rival China, President Donald Trump took steps Friday to ease tensions with America's allies — lifting import taxes on Canadian and Mexican steel and aluminum and delaying auto tariffs that would have hurt Japan and Europe.

By removing the metals tariffs on Canada and Mexico, Trump cleared a key roadblock to a North American trade pact his team negotiated last year. As part of Friday's arrangement, the Canadians and Mexicans agreed to scrap retaliatory tariffs they had imposed on U.S. goods.

"I'm pleased to announce that we've just reached an agreement with Canada and Mexico, and we'll be selling our product into those countries without the imposition of tariffs, or major tariffs," Trump said in a speech to the National Association of Realtors.

In a joint statement, the U.S. and Canada said they would work to prevent cheap imports of steel and aluminum from entering North America. The provision appeared to target China, which has long been accused of flooding world markets with subsidized metal, driving down world prices and hurting U.S. producers. The countries could also reimpose the tariffs if they faced a "surge" in steel or aluminum imports.

In Washington, some were urging Trump to take advantage of the truce with U.S. allies to get even tougher with China.

"China is our adversary," said Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb. "Canada and Mexico are our friends. The president is right to increase pressure on China for their espionage, their theft of intellectual property, and their hostility toward the rule of law. The president is also right to be deescalating tension with our North American allies."



Cars for export and import are stored in front of containers on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at the harbor in Bremerhaven, Germany, with 2 million vehicles per annum one of the largest automobile hubs in the world.

Earlier Friday, the White House said Trump is delaying for six months any decision to slap tariffs on foreign cars, a move that would have hit Japan and the Europe especially hard. Trump still is hoping to use the threat of auto tariffs to pressure Japan and the European Union into making concessions in ongoing trade talks.

"If agreements are not reached within 180 days, the president will determine whether and what further action needs to be taken," White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said in a statement.

In imposing the metals tariffs and threatening the ones on autos, the president was relying on a rarely used weapon in the U.S. trade war arsenal — Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 — which lets the president impose tariffs on imports if the Commerce Department deems them a threat to national security. But the steel and aluminum tariffs were also designed to coerce Canada and Mexico into agreeing to a rewrite of North American free trade pact. In fact, the Canadians and Mexicans did go along last year with a revamped regional trade deal that was to Trump's liking. But the administration had refused to lift the taxes on their metals coming into

the United States until Friday.

The new trade deal — the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement — needs approval from legislatures in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Several key U.S. lawmakers were threatening to reject the pact unless the tariffs were removed. And Canada had suggested it wouldn't ratify any deal with tariffs still in place.

Thomas Donohue, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said the lifting of the tariffs "will bring immediate relief to American farmers and manufacturers. Critically, this action delivers a welcome burst of momentum for the USMCA in Congress."

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau credited his government for holding out to get the tariffs removed. "We stayed strong," he said. "That's what workers asked for."

These tariffs didn't make sense around national security. They were hurting Canadian consumers, Canadian workers and American consumers and American workers."

Trump had faced a Saturday deadline to decide what to do about the auto tariffs.

Taxing auto tariffs would mark a major escalation in Trump's aggressive trade policies and likely would

meet resistance in Congress. The United States last year imported \$192 billion worth of passenger vehicles and \$159 billion in auto parts.

"I have serious questions about the legitimacy of using national security as a basis to impose tariffs on cars and car parts," Iowa Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, said in a statement Friday. He's working on legislation to scale back the president's authority to impose national security tariffs under Section 232.

In a statement, the White House said that Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross has determined that imported vehicles and parts are a threat to national security. Trump deferred action on tariffs for 180 days to give negotiators time to work out deals but threatened them if talks break down. In justifying tariffs for national security reasons, Commerce found that the U.S. industrial base depends on technology developed by American-owned auto companies to maintain U.S. military superiority.

Because of rising imports of autos and parts over the past 30 years, the market share of U.S.-owned automakers has fallen. That has caused a lag in research and development spend-

ing which is "weakening innovation and, accordingly, threatening to impair our national security," the statement said.

The market share of vehicles produced and sold in the U.S. by American-owned automakers, the statement said, has declined from 67% in 1985 to 22% in 2017.

But the statistics don't match market share figures from the industry. A message was left Friday seeking an explanation of how Commerce calculated the 22%.

In 2017, General Motors, Ford, Fiat Chrysler and Tesla combined had a 44.5% share of U.S. auto sales, according to Autodata Corp. Those figures include vehicles produced in other countries.

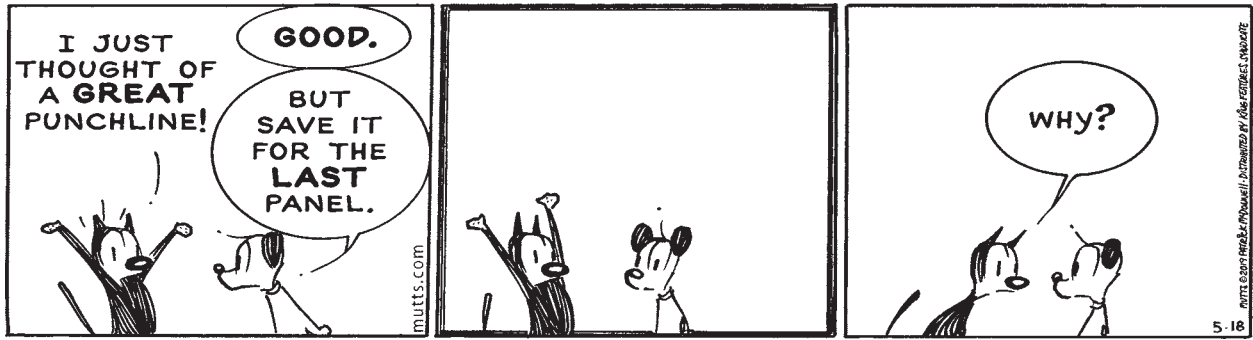
It's possible that the Commerce Department didn't include Fiat Chrysler, which is now legally headquartered in The Netherlands but has a huge research and development operation near Detroit. It had 12% of U.S. auto sales in 2017.

The Commerce figures also do not account for research by foreign automakers. Toyota, Hyundai-Kia, Subaru, Honda and others have significant research centers in the U.S. Meanwhile, Trump is locked in a high stakes rumble with China.

The U.S. accuses Beijing of stealing trade secrets and forcing American companies to hand over technology in a head-long push to challenge American technological dominance. The two countries have slapped tariffs on hundreds of billions of dollars in each other's products. Talks broke off last week with no resolution.

The hostilities between the world's two biggest economies have weighed heavily the past couple of weeks on the U.S. stock market, threatening a long rally that Trump touted as a vindication of his economic policies. Opening a new front in the trade wars against EU and Japan likely would have worried investors even more. □

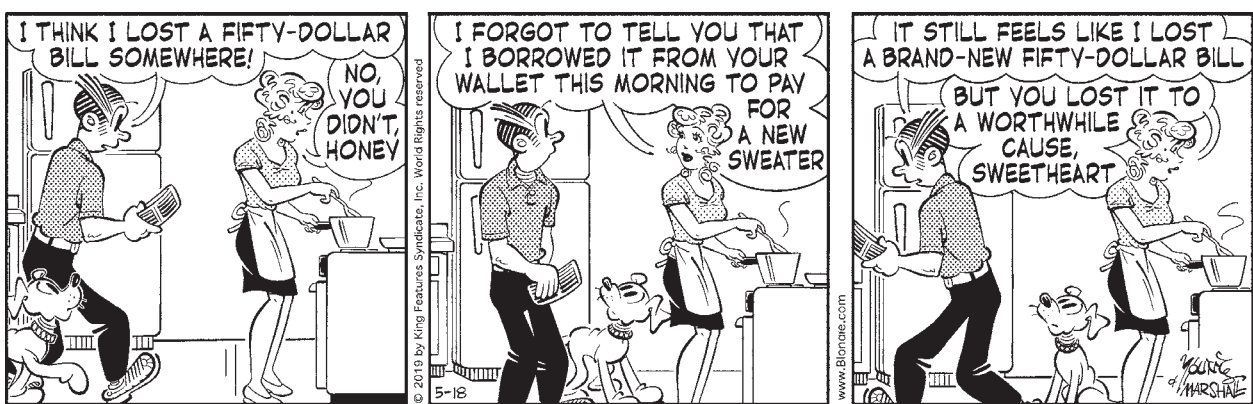
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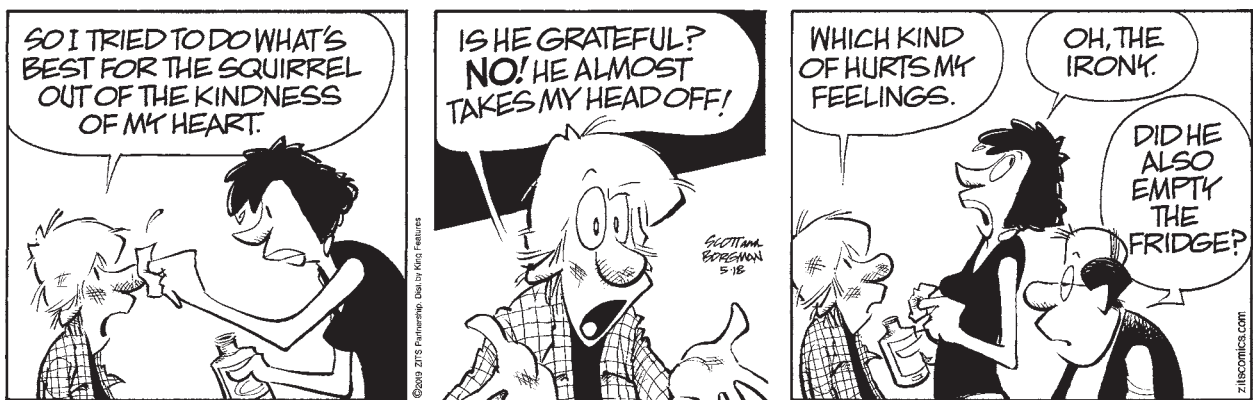
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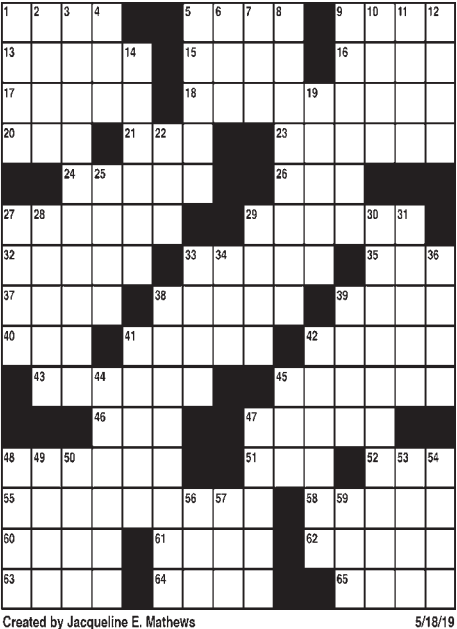
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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9 Make a mess at table
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15 Barcelona bull
16 Bee's home
17 Reprimand
18 Conquers
20 "Oui"
21 Actor Kilmer
23 Hooky player
24 TV's "The ___ Is Right"
26 In a __; mired by routine
27 Make happy
29 Shakespeare's "Julius ___"
32 Uncanny
33 Ruin
35 However
37 Enthusiastic
38 To the __; relevant
39 "___ springs eternal"
40 Baseball's Griffey Jr.
41 Burn the edges of
42 Johnny Cash's "A Boy ___ Sue"
43 New Year's Eve drink
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46 ___ amok; lost control
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48 Get away
51 Bizarre
52 Pacino & Roker
55 Mentor
58 Part of the arm
60 Brass instrument
61 Skating venue
62 Actress Burke
63 "For Your Eyes ___"; 007 movie
64 Bodies of water
65 Quiz



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22 Biggest diamond

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27 Mountaintop

28 Water barrier

29 Scoop holder

30 Horrid

31 India's dollar

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34 Farm animal

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Self-driving vehicle pulled over by curious police officer

By MATT O'BRIEN

AP Technology Writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) —

A self-driving shuttle got pulled over by police on its first day carrying passengers on a new Rhode Island route.

Providence Police Chief Hugh Clements said an officer pulled over the odd-looking autonomous vehicle because he had never seen one before.

"It looked like an oversize golf cart," Clements said.

The vehicle, operated by Michigan-based May Mobility, was dropping off passengers Wednesday morning at Providence's Olneyville Square when a police cruiser arrived with blinking lights and a siren.

It was just hours after the public launch of a shuttle service called "Little Rody." The shuttle offers free rides on a 12-stop urban loop that links to a train station. Each vehicle holds six people, including an attendant who takes control when the self-driving technology falls short, such as on difficult left turns with oncoming traffic.

Clements said the curious

police officer had a cordial conversation with the attendant and didn't issue any tickets or warnings.

A co-founder of May Mobility said the pilot is partly about learning how the vehicle can coexist with Providence's pedestrians, motorists and, yes, police officers.

"The officer was curious. That's something we see and welcome," said Alisyn Malek, who is also May's chief operating officer. "It's a great opportunity to be able to have the dialogue about who are we, why are we out on the street."

In a part of New England known for impatient and aggressive drivers, local officials have braced themselves for how motorists will react to the slow-moving vehicles. Built by Minnesota-based Polaris Industries, the vehicles have a glass roof and resemble a tiny bus, but with seats that snugly face each other.

Officials chose a route that has little traffic, but connects commuters from neighborhoods underserved by public transit to Amtrak, commuter rail and other bus stops. □

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Wolf's comeback in U.S. triggers debate on protection levels

By ANDREW SELSKY

Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — The gray wolf is on track for a remarkable comeback after being almost exterminated in the contiguous United States, but a Trump administration proposal to take the iconic symbol of the wild off the endangered species list has exposed divisions among states.

California says it opposes delisting the wolf, while Washington state said it agrees. The federal proposal also exposed a rift among top officials in Oregon — one of several states where wolves have established breeding packs after wandering across state lines. The debate highlights clashing interests and differing philosophies, with ranchers fearing more livestock will fall prey to wolves and conservationists worrying that wider hunting of the predators might be around the corner. Hunting and trapping wolves is already allowed in Montana and Idaho.

At the center of the debate is, how much more help do wolves need?

Washington Fish and Wildlife Director Kelly Susewind told the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently that protecting thriving wolves could expose the Endangered Species Act to legislation weakening protections for species in actual danger of extinction.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said Thursday it's critically important to maintain wide-ranging recovery areas for wolves across the West.

"The challenge is, it's not like wolves pay attention to statewide boundaries," Brown said.

Her comments came a day after she slapped



This February 2017 file photo provided by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife shows a wolf of the Wenaha Pack captured on a remote camera on U.S. Forest Service land in Oregon's northern Wallowa County.

down a stance by Curtis Melcher, director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. He wrote to federal officials on May 9, saying his agency supports delisting wolves because the animals no longer meet the definition of an endangered or threatened species.

Brown said her office had not been informed that Melcher would take the stance. When she learned of it, she put on the brakes. "The state of Oregon and its agencies do not support the delisting of wolves from the federal Endangered Species Act across their range in the 48 contiguous states," Brown wrote in a letter to U.S. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt.

A total of 6,500 wolves are believed to roam Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Rocky Mountains and Pacific Northwest. Additional wolves inhabit Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maine, Missouri, Ohio, Utah and Vermont.

Collette Adkins, carnivore conservation director at the Center for Biological Diversity, said more than

a half-dozen states have no wolf protections on the books.

In his letter, Melcher said Oregon had 137 wolves at the end of 2018 — a 10% increase over 2017. He also

said Oregon is committed to ensuring the progress of the species while minimizing livestock losses.

However, his advocacy of federal delisting of wolves brought howls of complaint when it was publicized.

U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, an Oregon Democrat, told Melcher in a letter that he was "shocked and appalled."

"I am ashamed by your willingness to throw an incredibly important predator species under the bus in favor of a few private interests that clearly have a different mission than your agency," Blumenauer wrote.

Noah Greenwald, endangered species program director at the Center for Biological Diversity, said: "Lifting federal protections now would hamper further wolf recovery in Oregon and expose the animals

to killing by the state." The federal government has already delisted wolves in the eastern one-third of Washington and Oregon, as well as in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. It contends that gray wolves no longer qualify for federal protection as an endangered or threatened species.

Oregon officials have drafted a new state wolf plan aimed at ensuring "the conservation of gray wolves as required by Oregon law while protecting the social and economic interests of all Oregonians." Oregon removed wolves from its state endangered species list in 2015. A prime objective of the draft plan is to promote a naturally reproducing wolf population connected to a larger population of wolves and allowing for expansion into other areas of the state. □

Flooding makes big 'dead zone' off Louisiana coast likely



Workers open bays of the Bonnet Carré Spillway, to divert rising water from the Mississippi River to Lake Pontchartrain, upriver from New Orleans, in Norco, La., Friday, May 10, 2019.

By JANET MCCONNAUGHEY
NEW ORLEANS (AP) —

The year's widespread flooding has made it likely that a big, oxygen-starved "dead zone" off Louisiana's coast will form this summer, the head of the National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science said Thursday.

Preliminary computer model runs "indicate a large to very large year," for the area where there's too little oxygen to support marine life, Steven Thur told the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force during a meeting livestreamed

from Baton Rouge. Thur's agency is part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The task force coordinates work to cut the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus flowing into the Gulf. The nutrients feed algae and plankton which die and fall to the bottom. Their decomposition uses up oxygen from the bottom up, resulting in low oxygen levels, called hypoxia. Fish and shrimp can swim away, but starfish and other bottom-dwellers die. A detailed forecast of

the world's second-largest human-caused dead zone usually comes out in June. The spring floods are likely to mean significant amounts of the widely used fertilizers have run from farmland into waterways in the 31 states that feed the Mississippi River. Sewage treatment plants, manure, and other sources also contribute to the river's nutrient load from 41% of the U.S. mainland.

Last year's dead zone covered about 2,720 square miles (7,040 square kilometers), about 40% the average size that had been predicted, and was one of the smallest recorded since Louisiana researcher Nancy Rabalais began mapping them in 1985.

It was smaller than usual only because winds stirred up the Gulf just before the annual mapping cruise, mixing oxygen into the water, Thur said.

In recent years, Thur noted, mapping cruises overseen by Rabalais have run out of money and had to end before the entire area was covered. □



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Mati Diop on being the first black female director in Cannes

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

CANNES, France (AP) — Mati Diop was initially disappointed when she, by reading a news article, discovered that she was the first black female filmmaker in the Cannes Film Festival's prestigious competition in its 72-year history.

"I hadn't realized myself. I didn't know," the 36-year-old French-Senegalese filmmaker said in an interview. "My first reaction is that I found it quite sad. I thought, 'Oh, is it?' So there's still a long way to go before it becomes something completely natural and normal and something that's not noticeable, the fact that I'm a black woman."

Diop's milestone has been enthusiastically celebrated in Cannes, where she on Thursday premiered her feature film debut "Atlantics." The film, which is competing for Cannes' top honor, the Palme d'Or, focuses on the women left behind in Dakar when many of the local young men flee Senegal for Spain by boat, unable to make a living at home.

But for Diop, her unique position in Cannes is a perplexing distinction.

"What I realized, and I'm not used to this feeling, is

that it happened to me. I'm not responsible for that. I haven't done anything specific for that. I've just made the film I wanted to make," said Diop. "I'm not embarrassed. I'm not proud. I just take it as a pure fact."

"Atlantics" marks Diop's first feature as a director, but she's previously made five shorts, one of which was the basis for her Cannes entry. That 2009 short bore the same title but a different perspective, concentrating on a young man forced into a dangerous migration.

"I was myself a witness of the situation, quite a close witness," said the Paris-based Diop, who 10 years ago visited her family in Senegal. "It was 10 years ago that there was this whole wave of a young generation who were trying to flee. They went toward Spain and many of them disappeared. I needed to tell this story. I had already dealt with it in my short but I felt I wasn't done with it."

Diop links her reconnection with Senegal to her birth as a filmmaker. She is the daughter of Senegalese jazz musician Wasis Diop and niece of the pioneering Senegalese director Djibril Diop Mambéty

("Touki Bouki"). Diop's 2013 documentary "A Thousand Suns" examined her uncle's legacy and his 1972 film, considered a cornerstone of African cinema.

Diop has gradually formed her own aesthetic, one that sometimes bleeds documentary and fiction. A friend called "Atlantique" "a fantasy documentary." Diop prefers "a contemplative action film."

"It was written as a fiction but I don't make this limit. I don't think it's our business as filmmakers to draw these limits between documentaries and fiction. When you have the desire to make a film, you make a film," she says. "The reality that I described is so anchored in social and political and economic terms, of course there is a real texture and embodiment of the subject and my approach it in it that can be documentary-like."

"Atlantics" is also dazzlingly otherworldly, with waves of sorrow washing up on Dakar shores. Mama Sane plays Ada, whose boyfriend, along with his shipmates, vanish at sea. After, a mysterious specter haunts many of those who drove the young men away. Diop compares the tale to "Ulysses."



Director Mati Diop poses for photographers at the photo call for the film 'Atlantique' at the 72nd international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Friday, May 17, 2019.

Associated Press

"It's a misunderstanding to consider Penelope (of 'Ulysses') a passive figure who's just waiting for her beloved to come back," said Diop. "What I found interesting is that although these women are waiting for these men to come, their life is transformed by the experience of this loss. It's how these women can reconquer their own life and reach a certain level

of emancipation through the loss they experience." Diop has gradually come to terms with her history-making status in Cannes. On Friday, she told reporters that maybe she is a little proud, and noted that Jordan Peele's films ("Us," "Get Out") have been enthralling for her. In the interview, she cited Sofia Coppola's "The Virgin Suicides" as a guidepost to her. □

Poet laureate writes tribute for Statue of Liberty Museum

By HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — At a time when families have been separated at the Mexican border and children placed in cages, the country's poet laureate is invoking an old and welcoming spirit for those seeking to live in the United States.

Tracy K. Smith's "Harbor," commissioned for this week's opening of the Statue of Liberty Museum, is a ghazal-form poem (a series of autonomous couplets) partly modeled on Emma Lazarus' "The New Colossus" and its immortal beckoning to "your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

In "Harbor," Smith invites the arriving "Stranger" to "Be my guest. Drink tea, taste fruit and bread."

Stranger, you're the words to a hymn I've only ever hummed.

Come. Let's erase the distance between skin and skin.

President Donald Trump has repeatedly denounced asylum seekers, and one of his top advisers on immigration, Stephen Miller, has even questioned whether the Statue of Liberty deserves to be considered a symbol for immigration. Smith, whose honors include a Pulitzer Prize, de-



Singer Tony Bennett performs at the Statue of Liberty Museum opening celebration at Battery Park on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, in New York.

Associated Press

clined to directly criticize Trump or his administration. But she said she was deeply shaken by images from the border and said the coun-

try was in a "dark chapter." She added that her time spent in rural communities over the past couple of years has encouraged her.

"I've been to places where the backgrounds and perspectives of people are very different from mine, but I found again and again that it's possible to engage and have enlightened and affirming conversations," she told The Associated Press during a recent telephone interview. "We have the tools to solve these problems."

Asked this week if she wanted Trump to read "Harbor" and what he might think of it, Smith said she hoped that "any reader who looks at the poem" would "acknowledge the pain it expresses, and to feel alongside it the spirit of hope that runs throughout." □



In this Jan. 23, 2019 photo, Linda Perry poses for a portrait at her studio in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Cheap Trick, Sara Gilbert part of gala honoring Linda Perry

NEW YORK (AP) — A benefit gala honoring Linda Perry will include a performance by Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Cheap Trick and appearances from Oscar-nominated actress Juliette Lewis and Perry's wife, Sara Gilbert. "Linda Perry & Friends: A Night at the Grammy Museum" will take place June 29 in Los Angeles at The Novo at L.A. Live. Sharon Osbourne will also appear at the event, where singer

Willa Amai will perform. "Music education should not be a luxury and with the help of these visionaries and this community, we hope to play a small part of sparking creativity and inspiring future songwriters, producers, and musicians," Perry said in a statement. Perry, 54, is one of the most successful songwriters and producers in the music industry. She broke onto the scene in the early 1990s with the

rock band 4 Non Blondes and went on to craft hits for Christina Aguilera, Pink, Gwen Stefani, Alicia Keys and others. This year, Perry became the first woman in 15 years to earn a nomination for nonclassical producer of the year at the Grammy Awards. She was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2015. Proceeds from the gala will assist the Grammy Museum Foundation. □

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'Kinky Boots' to star in movie theaters, coming full circle



This image released by Fathom Events shows the cast during a performance of the musical "Kinky Boots." Fathom Events plans to show a performance from the London cast in nearly 500 movie theaters across America on June 25 and again on June 29.

Associated Press

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — If anyone is kicking themselves that they missed seeing the musical "Kinky Boots," relax — it's coming to a movie

screen nearby this summer. Fathom Events plans to show a performance from the London cast in nearly 500 movie theaters across America on June 25 and again on June 29.

The musical is about a staid British shoe factory on the brink of ruin that retrofits itself into a maker of footwear for drag queens. It has songs by Cyndi Lauper and a story by Harvey Fierstein. The musical, which made its bow on Broadway in 2013, won the Tony Award that year and later a Grammy Award for best musical theater album. A London production won the Olivier Award. Both the West End and Broadway runs are over, with the Broadway doors closing last month after more than six years and 2,500 performances. The filmed version was recorded at the Adelphi Theatre in London. It will star Matt Henry as Lola and Killian Donnelly as Charlie. □

Netflix announces fashion design competition series

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — It's been a minute since a new fashion design competition has occurred. Enter: "Next in Fashion," soon to come on Netflix. The series is hosted by the first "Queer Eye" star to spin off, Tan France, along with fashion maven Alexa Chung. The show features 18 designers competing for \$250,000 and the chance to sell their wares on Net-a-Porter. No release date was announced. Netflix said in a statement Friday the competition is focused on trends and styles that have "influenced the way the entire world dresses." □



This combination of photos shows Tan France at the 70th Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles on Sept. 17, 2018, left, and Alexa Chung at the CFDA Fashion Awards in New York on June 6, 2016.

Associated Press

McCullough's new book on pioneers' history draws criticism

By **RUSSELL CONTRERAS**

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) —

David McCullough is one of the country's most beloved historians, known for his Pulitzer Prize-winning biographies of Harry Truman and John Adams, acclaimed works on the Brooklyn Bridge and Panama Canal, and for narrating such famous documentaries as Ken Burns' "The Civil War." But with his latest book, "The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West," McCullough is seeing some of the sharpest criticism of his career.

Days after the book was released and reached Amazon.com's top 20 best-seller list, a new generation of historians, scholars and activists took to social media to accuse McCullough of romanticizing white settlement and downplaying the pain inflicted on Native Americans. Criticism also has come from many reviewers, including in The Washington Post and The New York Times.

"He adopts settlers' prejudiced language about 'savages' and 'wilderness,' words that denied Indians' humanity and active use of their land," Harvard history professor Joyce E. Chaplin wrote in a review for The Times on Monday. "He also states that the Ohio Territory



In this May 13, 2011 file photo, historian and author David McCullough poses at the National Portrait Gallery, in Washington.

was 'unsettled.' No, it had people in it, as he slightly admits in a paragraph on how the Indians 'considered' the land to be theirs." McCullough tells the story of a group of New Englanders, led by The Rev. Manasseh Cutler, who in the late 18th century ventured into the Northwest Territory — now Ohio — to create communities. The author told The Associated Press in a recent interview that he wanted to write about people not widely known to the general pub-

lic. "I like to write about people who set out to do something that is thought to be impossible. And how they run into more complicated turns and tests of their fortune than they ever imagined or expected, and how they don't give up," he said.

McCullough continued that the early Ohio settlers he writes about "go out there and there's nothing: no highways, no roads, no bridges, no hospitals, to say the least, and no anesthetic. ... And they put up with

adversities of a kind even they couldn't have anticipated: epidemic diseases like smallpox and influenza, accidents of all kind, the premature death of children."

Critics say McCullough is relying too heavily on the perspective of whites who saw themselves as taming a primeval wilderness. The book relies on old stereotypes about American Indians and overlooks the complex and diverse Native American tribes and cultures already there,

they say. Detractors have seized on one particular line in which McCullough describes white settlers being surrounded by Native Americans during a conflict. "The only hope was that the savages would be so taken up with plunder of the camp as not to follow after," McCullough writes. "No preparation could be made. Numbers of brave men must be left a sacrifice, there was no alternative."

That passage offended Brett Chapman, a Tulsa, Oklahoma, attorney and descendant of White Eagle, a Ponca chief.

"It's just sickening. He hits every single stereotype. He hits the wilderness stereotype — that no one was there. He hits the drunkenness stereotype," said Chapman, who read the book this week and live-tweeted criticisms. "He hits the vanishing race stereotype. That's what the pioneers used to justify in stealing the land."

Simon & Schuster spokeswoman Julia Prosser said that both the publisher and McCullough were declining comment.

The criticism comes as new voices in history and American Studies are challenging traditional narratives about westward expansion as a story of progress and American exceptionalism. □

Valentino-heavy film has Julianne Moore talking fashion



Actress Julianne Moore poses for photographers at the photo call for the film 'The Staggering Girl' at the 72nd international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Friday, May 17, 2019.

Associated Press

By **CRISTINA JALERU**

Associated Press

CANNES, France (AP) — One of Julianne Moore's first thoughts after signing on to the Valentino-adorned short film "The Staggering Girl" was wardrobe.

She had visions of wearing green, lavender and red haute couture as the star of the short film produced by the French fashion house.

"And I got there and they're like, 'These are, this is your wardrobe.' And I was the only one in the movie without any color. Because that was kind of, that was the story we were telling. I was like, 'What? What? I came all this way and I don't get to wear lavender?'"

Moore, who plays Italian American writer Francesca in the 37-minute film,

told reporters she's always been interested in "the fact that we feel compelled as human beings to decorate our bodies and our surroundings."

And her theory?

"It's like this idea that we've chosen this because it pleases us, or we're trying to say something consciously or unconsciously," said the 58-year-old Moore.

Her fascination goes way back, to a particular purchase when she was a 17-year-old living with her family on a U.S. Army base in Germany.

She saved up her money for a dress to wear to a dance, but her mother told her no black.

"She said it was too sophisticated for a young girl, so I took my money, I took my 80 marks, and I bought a black dress," Moore smiled. "And I said to my mom, 'You can't say anything about it because it's my own money.' It was terrible."

And of course as a mother of a 17-year-old now I think like, 'Oh I can't believe that I did that,' but it was a really exhilarating moment for me."

The film's director, Luca Guadagnino, collaborated on the film with Valentino designer Pierpaolo Piccioli. It's based on a screenplay by Michael Mitnick. □

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